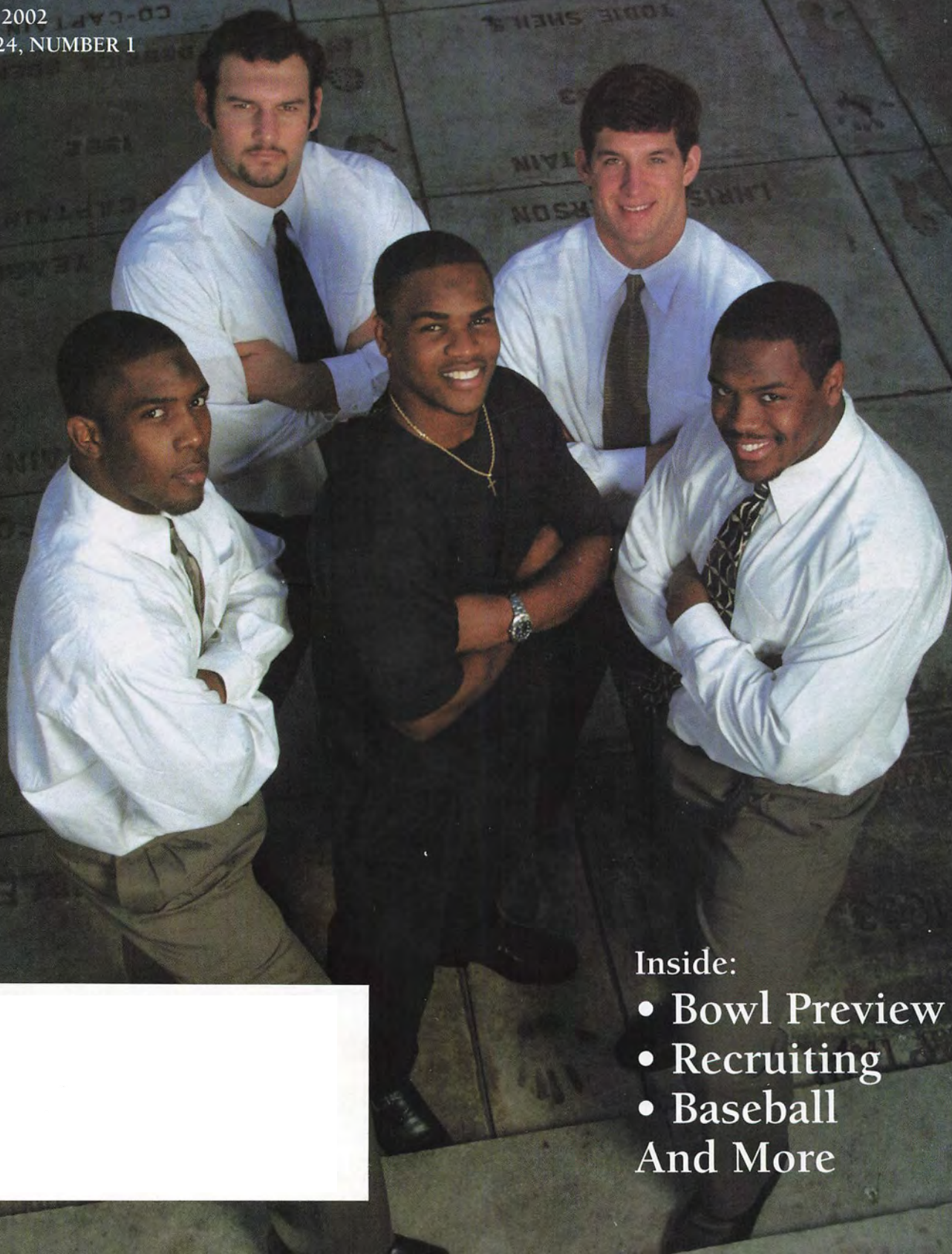


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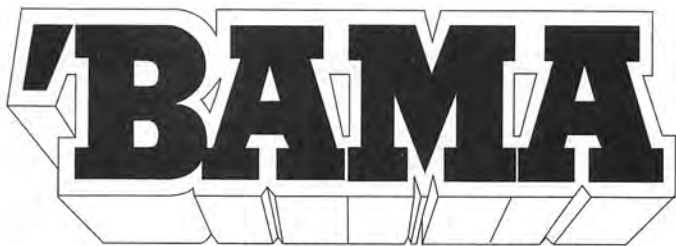
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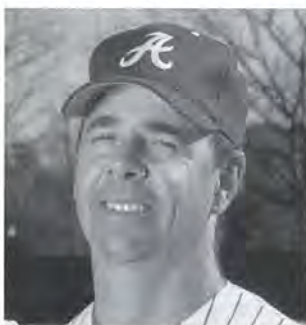
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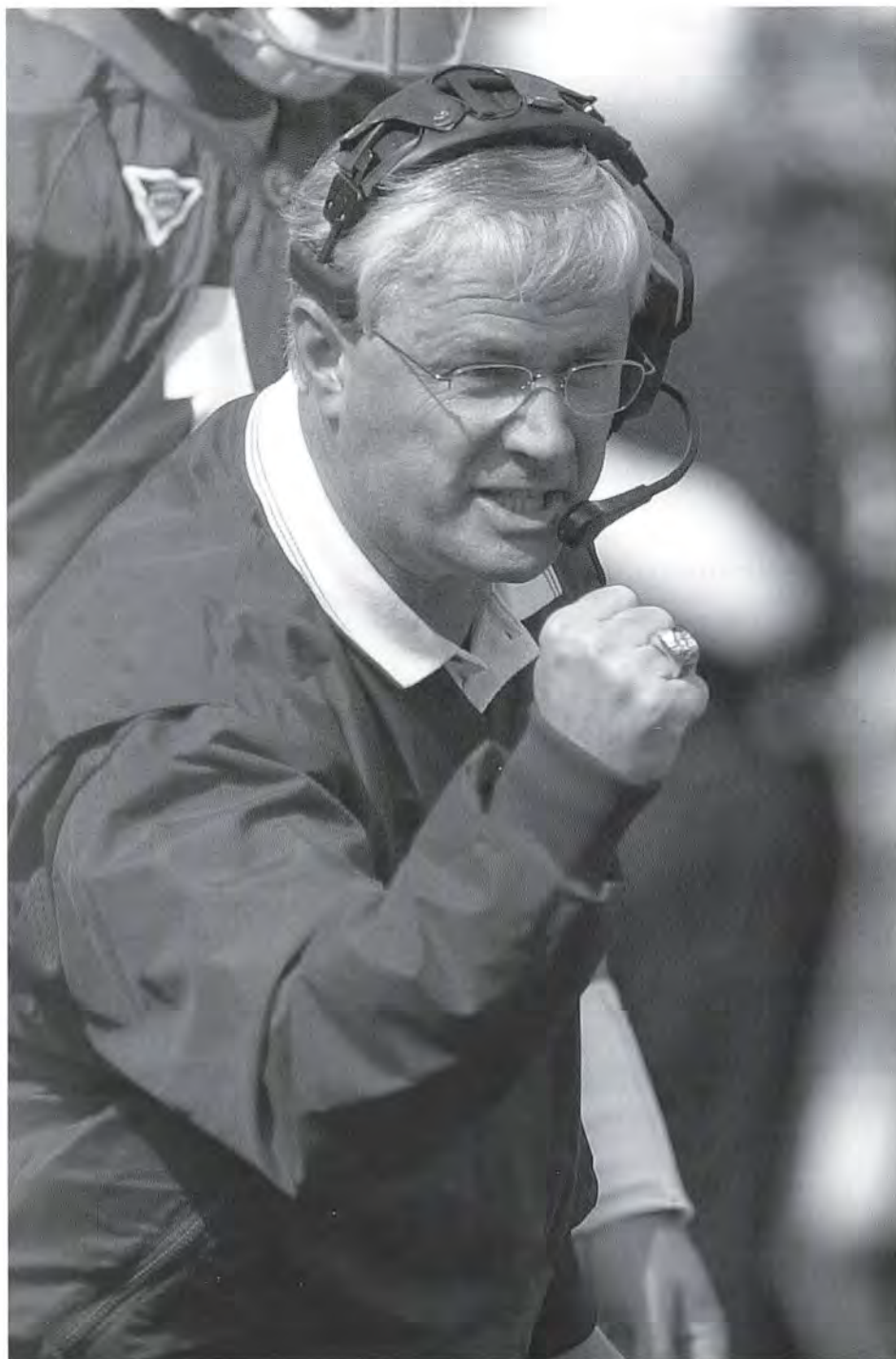
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by Kirk McNair

Turn-around puts Alabama back in post-season play



Talk about your win-win situations. Everyone is a winner as Alabama makes its first appearance in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 27. The game, which is scheduled to kick off at 6:30 p.m. CST at Independence Stadium, pairs the Crimson Tide of Coach Dennis Franchione against the Iowa State Cyclones, the first time the teams have met. Iowa State is on a two-game bowl streak, but otherwise the bowl tradition is squarely on the side of Alabama.

Bama has been to more bowls (50) and won more bowls (28) than any team in college football history. Iowa State is bowling for the second consecutive year, but had not made it into post-season play for a couple of decades before making it to the Sun Bowl following the 2000 season. And last year's 37-29 Insight.Com Bowl victory over Pittsburgh was Iowa State's first ever bowl win.

The winners before this game is ever played include:

Alabama Head Coach Dennis Franchione. When he took over the job prior to this season, he set as one of his goals taking a team that had been 3-8 in 2000 and getting it into a bowl game in 2001. Actually, the goal is a bit more than that, and it won't be known if it was achieved until after the game. "Our goal is to go to a bowl game and win," he said. "We've focused on that since Day One.

Franchione is 2-1 as a head coach in bowl games. He lost his first when he took New Mexico to the Insight.Com in his last year there, falling to Arizona. He completed his rebuilding of TCU with the Horned Frogs going to three consecutive bowl games, although Franchione did not coach last year's loss to Southern Miss in the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Franchione coached his squads to wins over Southern Cal in the Sun Bowl and East Carolina in the Mobile Alabama Bowl.

Going to a bowl game helps Franchione in at least two ways. One, his team gets additional practice, the equivalent at least of another spring practice insofar as contact is concerned. This practice is particularly beneficial to young players, those who have played little or not at all in 2001 games, but who will be attempting to break into the playing rotation next year. In early practices even before the Tide's bowl opponent was known, the Bama coaching staff kept those younger players out for additional practice after the older players had gone in.

Dennis Franchione had a reputation for turning around football teams with problems. He took the Crimson Tide from 3-8 in 2000 to 6-5 and a berth in the Independence Bowl in his first year as Alabama's head coach. Barry Fikes Photo

Actually, those practices were conducted without a full staff. And that ties into the other benefit of making it to a bowl game. Although Alabama is well along in its recruiting efforts (see Page 25), being in a bowl game has at least two recruiting benefits. One, it keeps the name of the Crimson Tide in newspapers and on radio and television. A bonus for Bama this year is that playing in Shreveport has the Tide in a fertile Franchione recruiting area, near East Texas. Two, prospects were able to come to Tuscaloosa in December and see actual practices, something not normally possible to prep players who are involved in their own preparation.

Alabama had a few practices in the first week of December before breaking for final examinations, resumed preparation December 16 before another short break for players to go home on December 19, then gathered in Shreveport December 22 for final work.

The Independence Bowl is not all work and no play (although Franchione has made it clear that when it's time for work, he expects his team to get down to business). It is truly a reward for Alabama's players, who are also winners. The Tide was 3-5 in early November and the team was demoralized after a blow-out homecoming loss at the hands of LSU. But Bama rebounded, coming from behind to beat Mississippi State, stomping Auburn in Auburn, and earning bowl eligibility with a solid win over Southern Miss in horrible weather conditions. The Independence Bowl has a reputation as a great one for the participants.

And if Alabama can defeat Iowa State to get to 7-5, it will mean Alabama has finished the season with four consecutive victories a year after the Tide stumbled to five consecutive losses at the end of the 2000 season.

Athletics Director Mal Moore, who a year ago made the difficult decisions to fire Mike DuBose and hire Franchione, is also a winner. His decisions look very good in hindsight. Additionally, Moore has to make the budget, and getting to a bowl game that could pay as much as \$1.2 million is meaningful.

The Independence Bowl has added quality teams with each passing year and it is a winning move to now have Alabama among the list of its participants. In the past five years, the bowl has hosted LSU, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, and Texas A&M.

Iowa State is a winner for a number of reasons, and playing Alabama is among them. Although the Cyclones face good competition each year as a member of the Big 12, those in Iowa say the team and its fans are excited to be playing a team with the national reputation Alabama enjoys.

Another winner will be University President Dr. Andrew Sorensen. Several years ago, when the Independence Bowl was still



Ahmaad Galloway (above) was Alabama's starting tailback through most of the 2001 season and is expected to get the starting nod in the Independence Bowl against Iowa State, even though the Tide is also expected to have Santonio Beard back in the line-up in Shreveport.
Barry Fikes Photo

laboring under the moniker of its title sponsor, Weedeater, Dr. Sorensen made an intemperate remark to the effect it would be embarrassing as a college president to have to take a team to Shreveport. Although Dr. Sorensen quickly and sincerely and appropriately apologized for his gaffe, he will no doubt make further amends with the Crimson Tide in Shreveport. And the reputation of the Independence Bowl and Shreveport for hospitality being what it is, there is no doubt Sorensen will be given full absolution.

There are a couple of questions as Alabama prepares to meet the Cyclones. On offense the likely starting quarterback will be Andrew Zow. Tyler Watts, who started at quarterback the first nine games of the season before suffering a groin injury, may or may not be able to play against Iowa State. If there is any question, he almost certainly will be held out to make sure he has a complete recovery.

It is also likely that the starting tailback

will be Ahmaad Galloway. However, the Tide should be much stronger at this position with the return of Santonio Beard following a one-game suspension after he was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. Beard was given disciplinary action beyond the one-game suspension and was forced to complete some tasks, but had been expected to make in-kind restitution to his coaches and teammates before the Independence Bowl.

Otherwise, Alabama's offense and defense and special teams should be set. One potential problem is a Southeastern Conference rule that requires players to pass six hours during the fall semester in order to be bowl eligible. Because Alabama's examinations were not completed until December 15, Franchione had worries about "a couple" of Tiders.

Alabama was to have completed its game plan while practicing in Tuscaloosa. In the past, Bama has had at least two occasions—under Gene Stallings at the Fiesta Bowl in 1990 and under Mike DuBose at the Music City Bowl in 1998—when it planned to com-

plete the game plan at the bowl site, only to have miserable weather that prevented good preparation. In both cases, Alabama lost those games. The one area in which Alabama will not have prepared until getting to Shreveport is working on artificial turf, which is in Independence Stadium. Bama elected to work on its grass practice fields in Tuscaloosa.

It was something of a surprise that Alabama did not end up in Nashville and playing in the Music City Bowl against Boston College. While that game has more appeal to many Alabama fans because of proximity and the lure of playing in the new Adelphia Stadium, the Independence Bowl pays about \$250,000 more than the Music City Bowl.

Bama ended up in Shreveport in part because of LSU's victory over Tennessee in the SEC Championship Game. Otherwise, LSU would have gone to the Cotton Bowl, Arkansas to the Independence Bowl, and

This Is January

Actually, we hope that you received this issue of 'BAMA in December. In an effort to get the Independence Bowl preview issue of the magazine to our readers prior to the game on December 27, we produced the January issue a week early.

Historically, in the first few weeks of January we have received telephone calls and notes from subscribers who thought they did not get the January issue.

This is it. Happy New Year!

The February issue will be mailed January 25.

Alabama to the Music City. When LSU won its way into the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl surprised almost everyone by selecting Arkansas instead of Georgia. Thus, Georgia went to Nashville and Bama to Shreveport.

The Independence Bowl has come a long way in 26 years. Originally it was a very minor bowl with the champion of the Southland Conference serving as the host

team. It began to pull out of its "minor" identification when it landed Oklahoma State and Texas A&M in 1981, but one of its most successful business decisions—attracting the Poulan Corporation and its Weedeater product as corporate sponsor—made it a bit of a joke (witness, Dr. Sorensen).

The game is now sponsored by MainStay, a mutual fund division of New York Life.

The Independence Bowl has taken a team from the SEC since 1995 and from the Big 12 since 1998. Since 1992 it has had prime-time television coverage by ESPN.

If Dr. Sorensen and some others have taken a while to gain respect for the Independence Bowl, it is to be hoped that Alabama's football players don't take the Iowa State Cyclones lightly. Bama's coaches undoubtedly understand how good Coach Dan McCarney's team is.

Iowa State was 7-4 this season. The losses were to Nebraska, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Colorado. Over the past two years the Cyclones have a 16-7 record and all of the losses have come at the hands of those four powerful teams from the Big 12 Conference.

While the Cyclones haven't had big upsets, they also have not been the victim of an upset. Over the past two years Iowa State has won every game it was expected to win, plus a few.

Iowa State had the Big 12 newcomer of the year in quarterback Seneca Wallace, a junior college transfer. Against Baylor Wallace had a phenomenal game, completing 22 of 24 passes for 299 yards and four touchdowns. For the year he completed 167 of 269 passes for 2,044 yards and 11 touchdowns against nine interceptions. He also had 475 yards rushing and ran for seven touchdowns.

Wallace has benefitted to some extent by defenses having to respect the running of Ennis Haywood. Haywood was the third-leading rusher in the Big 12 with 258 carries for 1,169 yards (4.5 per carry) and 14 touchdowns. Additionally, the Cyclones have a big, experienced offensive line. On the other hand, Iowa State receivers have dropped some balls.

Coaches put a lot of stock in turnover margin. Alabama was pleased this year to be plus four in takeaways against turnovers. Iowa State was plus 12, in great part because the Cyclones turned in 18 pass interceptions.

And don't underestimate the passion of Iowa State's fans. While most in Alabama think of Iowa as home to wrestling and women's basketball insofar as sports, Cyclones fans bought almost 5,000 tickets to the Independence Bowl...BEFORE those fans knew which bowl Iowa State would be in, much less who the opponent would be. Last year they sent nearly 30,000 fans to the Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix and there was no question there would be at least 12,000 tickets sold to Shreveport.

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	7	Sam Collins
QT-	70	Wesley Britt
	75	Atlas Herrion
QG-	78	Justin Smiley
	79	Danny Martz
C-	58	Alonzo Ephraim
	53	Pat Hollingsworth
SG-	71	Marico Portis
	73	Dennis Alexander
ST-	51	Evan Mathis
	65	Dante Ellington
TE-	82	Terry Jones
	89	Theo Sanders
QB-	5	Andrew Zow
	14	Tyler Watts
TB-	29	Ahmaad Galloway
	34	Santonio Beard
FB-	49	Donnie Lowe
	6	Marvin Brown
FL-	15	Freddie Milons
	80	Jason McAddley

SPECIALISTS: PUNTER-44 Lane Bearden; KICKOFF-44 Lane Bearden; PLACEMENT-48 Neal Thomas; HOLDER-17 Jonathan Richey; SNAPPER-50 Nick Ridings; KICKOFF RETURN-84 Triandos Luke, 80 Jason McAddley, 2 Antonio Carter; PUNT RETURN-2 Antonio Carter

Alabama Facts

Offense: Multiple
Average Offensive Size
 Line: 6-4, 290
 Backs & Receivers: 6-0, 192
Offensive Starters By Class
 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 soph
 3 freshman
Defense: 4-3
Average Defensive Size
 Line: 6-4, 270
 Linebackers: 6-2, 216
 Secondary: 5-11, 191
Defensive Starters By Class
 2 seniors, 7 juniors, 2 sophs,
 0 freshmen

Cyclones Offense

SE-	82	Lane Daniels
	26	Jack Whitver
LT-	75	Marcel Howard
	60	Brent Nelson
LG-	65	Bob Montgomery
	77	Brian Donahue
C-	68	Zach Butler
	55	Jared Bucks
RG-	76	Lorenzo White
	69	Luke Vander Sanden
RT-	67	Cory Hanner
	71	Casey Shelton
TE-	31	Mike Banks
	93	Kyle Knock
QB-	15	Seneca Wallace
	16	Chris Love
TB-	2	Ennis Haywood
	4	Michael Wagner
FB-	45	Joe Woodley
	42	Frank Garcia
FL-	19	Craig Campbell
	83	Jamaul Montgomery

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Tide Defense

LE-	22	Aries Monroe
	90	Nautyn McKay-Loescher
NT-	55	Kenny King
	97	Anthony Bryant
T-	96	Jarret Johnson
	57	David Daniel
RE-	54	Kindal Moorehead
	56	Todd Bates
SLB-	16	Cornelius Wortham
	9	Victor Ellis
MLB-	11	Saleem Rasheed
	99	Darius Gilbert
ROV-	18	Brooks Daniels
	31	Adam Cox
LCB-	4	Gerald Dixon
	18	Roberto McBride
RCB-	25	Hirchel Bolden
	1	Thurman Ward
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RDE-	1	Tyson Smith
	55	Beau Coleman
NG-	95	Willie Judd
	96	Paul Jarrett
DT-	92	Jordan Carstens
	94	Kevin Hines
DE-	99	Kevin DeRonde
	91	Tim TeBrink
OLB-	41	Jeremy Loyd
	5	Andrew Moser
MLB-	7	Matt Word
	40	Brent Nash
WLB-	44	Justin Eilers
	33	Brandon Brown
RCB-	21	Atif Austin
	3	Bryan Ollie
LCB-	16	Harold Clewis
	10	Johnny Smith III
SS-	9	Adam Runk
	8	DeAndre Phillips
S-	18	Marc Timmons
	17	Anthony Forrest

Alabama-Iowa State Comparison

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UCLA 20, Alabama 17
 Alabama 12, Vanderbilt 9
 Alabama 31, Arkansas 10
 South Carolina 37, Alabama 36
 Alabama 56, UTEP 7
 Ole Miss 27, Alabama 24
 Tennessee 35, Alabama 24
 LSU 35, Alabama 21
 Alabama 24, Mississippi State 17
 Alabama 31, Auburn 7
 Alabama 28, Southern Miss 15

CYCLONES RESULTS

(7-4, Big Twelve 4-4)

Iowa State 45, Northern Iowa 0
 Iowa State 31, Ohio 28
 Iowa State 41, Baylor 0
 Nebraska 48, Iowa State 14
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 Iowa State 28, Oklahoma State 14
 Texas A&M 24, Iowa State 21
 Kansas State 42, Iowa State 3
 Colorado 40, Iowa State 27
 Iowa State 49, Kansas 7
 Iowa State 17, Iowa 14

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 Touchdowns
 Rush-Pass-Other
 Field Goals Made-Attempted
 First Downs
 Rush-Pass-Penalty
 Rushing Yards
 Average Yards Rushing Per Game
 Rushing Plays
 Average Gain Per Rush
 Passing Yards
 Average Yards Passing Per Game
 Pass Attempts
 Pass Completions
 Percentage
 Had Intercepted
 Average Gain Per Pass
 Average Gain Per Completion
 Total Offensive Yards
 Average Yards Per Game
 Average Yards Per Play
 Kickoff Returns-Yards-Average
 Punt Returns-Yards-Average
 Fumbles-Number Lost
 Penalties-Yards
 Punts-Average
 Had Blocked
 Possession Down Conversions
 Efficiency

TIDE

27.6
 37
 19-16-2
 15-21
 211
 119-80-12
 2490
 226.4
 471
 5.3
 2013
 183.0
 260
 143
 55.0
 5
 7.7
 14.1
 4503
 409.4
 6.2
 35-752-21.5
 28-175-6.2
 24-10
 93-737
 52-38.8
 1
 67-162
 41.4%

CYCLONES

26.9
 39
 26-12-1
 8-18
 238
 114-106-18
 2006
 182.4
 481
 4.2
 2225
 202.3
 303
 184
 60.7
 12
 7.3
 12.1
 4231
 384.6
 5.4
 26-403-15.5
 23-206-9.0
 13-2
 67-567
 46-42.9
 1
 84-177
 47.5%

DEFENSE

Average Points Allowed Per Game
 Touchdowns Allowed
 Rush-Pass-Other
 Field Goals Made-Attempted
 First Downs Allowed
 Rush-Pass-Penalty
 Rushing Yards Allowed
 Average Rushing Per Game
 Opponent Rushes
 Gain Per Rush
 Passing Yards Allowed
 Average Passing Per Game
 Opponent Passes
 Opponent Completions
 Percentage
 Intercepted
 Average Gain Per Pass
 Average Gain Per Completion
 Total Offense Allowed
 Average Per Game Allowed
 Average Per Play Allowed
 Kickoff Returns-Yards-Average
 Punt Returns-Yards-Average
 Opponent Punts Blocked
 Opponents Fumbles-Lost
 Opponent Possession Down Conversions
 Efficiency

19.9
 28
 13-15-0
 8-16
 206
 73-114-19
 1198
 108.9
 382
 3.1
 2774
 252.2
 360
 210
 58.3
 6
 7.7
 13.2
 3972
 361.1
 5.4
 45-946-21.0
 23-103-4.5
 0
 27-13
 66-169
 39.1%

INDEPENDENCE BOWL ROSTERS

Alabama Crimson Tide

No	Name, Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl	Exp	Hometown
1	Thurman Ward, LCB	6-1	190	Fr	RS	Starkville, Miss.
2	Antonio Carter, SE	5-9	191	Jr	2L	Tallahassee, Fla.
3	Dre Fulgham, SB	6-1	204	So	1L	Montevallo
4	Gerald Dixon, LCB	5-11	184	Jr	2L	Burtonsville, Md.
5	Andrew Zow, QB	6-3	220	Sr	3L	Lake Butler, Fla.
6	Marvin Brown, FB	6-0	252	Jr	2L	Hyattsville, Md.
7	Sam Collins, FL	6-1	181	Jr	2L	Fayette
9	Victor Ellis, SLB	6-2	230	Sr	3L	Chattanooga, Tn.
11	Saleem Rasheed, MLB	6-3	224	Jr	2L	Birmingham
14	Tyler Watts, QB	6-3	222	Jr	2L	Pelham
15	Freddie Milons, FL	5-11	187	Sr	3L	Starkville, Miss.
16	Cornelius Wortham, SLB	6-1	216	So	1L	Calhoun City, Ms.
17	Jonathan Richey, QB	6-1	208	Sr	Sq	Geraldine
18	Brooks Daniels, ROV	6-2	210	So	1L	Jasper, Fla.
19	Roberto McBride, LCB	5-9	172	So	Sq	Lakeland, Fla.
20	Charles Jones, FS	6-0	185	So	Sq	Waynesboro, Ga.
22	Aries Monroe, LDE	6-4	239	Sr	1L	Tallahassee, Fla.
23	Reggie Myles, FS	6-0	194	Sr	3L	Pascagoula, Miss.
24	Waine Bacon, SS	5-10	180	Jr	Sq	Ft. Wash., Md.
25	Hirchel Bolden, RCB	6-0	192	Jr	2L	Dothan
27	Ray Hudson, TB	5-11	197	Fr	Sq	Bonifay, Fla.
28	Corey Ferguson, LCB	5-10	170	So	Sq	Montgomery
29	Ahmaad Galloway, TB	6-1	225	Jr	2L	Millington, Tenn.
29	Hamid Haqq, LCB	6-0	178	So	Sq	Huntsville
30	Nick Signaigo, FB	6-3	231	Fr	Sq	Collierville, Tenn.
31	Adam Cox, ROV	6-1	231	Sr	3L	Jasper
32	Chris James, FS	6-0	185	Fr	RS	Albany, Ga.
33	Shontua Ray, SS	5-11	229	Sr	2L	Montevallo
34	Santonio Beard, TB	6-1	220	So	Sq	Nashville
35	Michael Ziifile, P-PK	6-0	240	Fr	RS	Newnan, Ga.
36	Marc Miller, SS	6-1	200	So	Sq	Gadsden
37	Joel Babb, SB	6-0	192	Sr	Sq	Phenix City
39	Lance Taylor, FL	5-9	186	So	Sq	Mt. Vernon
44	Lane Bearden, P	6-2	210	Jr	2L	Helena
48	Neal Thomas, PK	5-11	192	Sr	1L	Clinton, Miss.
49	Donnie Lowe, FB	6-2	249	So	1L	LaVergne, Tenn.
50	Nick Ridings, SN	6-0	245	So	1L	Marietta, Ga.
51	Evan Mathis, ST	6-5	291	Fr	RS	Homewood
53	Patrick Hollingsworth, C	6-1	336	Sr	Sq	Baton Rouge, La.
54	Kindal Moorehead, RDE	6-4	288	Jr	2L	Memphis, Tenn.
55	Kenny King, NT	6-5	287	Jr	2L	Daphne
56	Todd Bates, RDE	6-4	230	Fr	HS	Heflin
57	David Daniel, NT	6-0	284	Sr	1L	Northport
58	Alonzo Ephraim, C	6-4	292	Jr	1L	Birmingham
65	Dante Ellington, ST	6-6	343	Jr	2L	Leighton
66	Shaun Williams, QT	6-5	287	Sr	Sq	Augusta, Ga.
68	Keith Stephens, OG	6-2	364	Jr	Sq	Columbus, Ga.
69	Matt Lomax, ST	6-2	289	So	Sq	Mobile
70	Wesley Britt, QT	6-8	303	Fr	RS	Cullman
71	Marico Portis, SG	6-2	300	Jr	1L	Prichard
73	Dennis Alexander, SG	6-6	346	So	1L	Memphis, Tenn.
75	Atlas Herrion, QT	6-4	299	Jr	Tr	Daphne
76	Lannis Baxley, ST	6-7	307	Jr	1L	Waynesboro, Ga.
77	Bart Raulston, SG	6-9	358	Jr	Sq	Sylvania
78	Justin Smiley, QG	6-3	295	Fr	RS	Ellabell, Ga.
79	Danny Martz, SG	6-4	290	Fr	RS	Gaithersburg, Md.
80	Jason McAddley, SB	6-2	217	Sr	3L	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
81	Brandon Greer, FL	6-1	192	So	Sq	Rainbow City
82	Terry Jones, Jr., TE	6-4	260	Sr	3L	Tuscaloosa
84	Triandos Luke, SE	6-0	188	So	1L	Phenix City
85	Tarry Givens, SE	6-5	207	Fr	RS	Tallahassee, Fla.
86	Michael James, FL	5-11	167	Sr	1L	Tuscaloosa
87	Gerard Clark, LDT	6-6	246	Fr	RS	Daytona Bch, Fla.
89	Theo Sanders, TE	6-3	235	Jr	Sq	Birmingham
90	N'tyn M'Ky-Loescher, RDE	6-4	240	So	Sq	Toronto, Canada
93	Donald Clarke, TE	6-5	253	Jr	Tr	Boca Raton, Fla.
94	Derek Sanders, LDT	6-5	280	Jr	Sq	Sandersville, Ga.
96	Jarret Johnson, LDT	6-4	274	Jr	2L	Chiefland, Fla.
97	Anthony Bryant, NT	6-3	337	So	Sq	Newbern
99	Darius Gilbert, MLB	6-3	260	Sr	3L	Oxford

Iowa State Cyclones

No	Name, Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl	Exp	Hometown
1	Tyson Smith, DE	6-2	235	So	1L	Des Moines
2	Ennis Haywood, RB	5-11	220	Sr	3L	Dallas
3	Bryan Ollie, DB	5-8	178	So	1L	Des Moines
4	Michael Wagner, RB	5-7	188	So	1L	W. Covina, Calif.
5	Andrew Moser, LB	5-10	228	Sr	1L	Guttenberg
6	JaMaine Billups, RB	5-10	198	So	1L	Omaha
7	Matt Word, LB	6-0	232	Jr	2L	Miami
8	DeAndre Phillips, DB	5-9	196	So	1L	Miss'n Hills, Cal.
9	Adam Runk, DB	6-2	181	Sr	3L	Stillwater, Minn.
10	Johnny Smith III, DB	5-11	164	So	1L	Bradenton, Fla.
11	Ellis Hobbs, DB	5-10	170	Fr	HS	Desoto, Texas
12	Hiawatha Rutland, RB	6-0	202	So	1L	Bradenton, Fla.
14	Tony Yelk, PK	6-0	201	Fr	RS	Arlington, Wis.
15	Seneca Wallace, QB	6-1	184	Jr	JC	Sacramento, Cal.
16	Harold Clewis, DB	5-10	184	So	1L	Missouri City, Tex.
16	Chris Love, QB	6-5	210	Fr	RS	Round Rock, Tex.
17	Gerrin Scott, QB	6-0	205	So	Sq	Denver
17	Anthony Forrest, DB	6-0	190	Fr	RS	Fort Worth
18	Marc Timmons, DB	5-10	160	So	1L	Bradenton, Fla.
19	Craig Campbell, WR	5-11	181	Sr	2L	Santa Fe Spgs, Cal.
19	Casey Baldwin, P/H	6-2	211	So	1L	Perry
20	Henry Poullard, DB	5-9	164	Fr	RS	La Porte, Texas
21	Atif Austin, DB	5-9	181	Jr	2L	Tarpon Spgs, Fla.
23	David Banks-Bursey, WR	5-11	175	Jr	JC	Culver City, Calif.
26	Jack Whitver, WR	5-11	177	So	Sq	Grinnell
31	Mike Banks, TE	6-4	253	Sr	3L	Ogden
33	Brandon Brown, LB	6-1	220	Fr	HS	Houston
36	Brett Kellogg, DL	6-2	255	Fr	RS	Cedar Rapids
40	Brent Nash, LB	5-11	239	Fr	RS	Beverly Hills, Cal.
41	Jeremy Loyd, LB	6-2	222	Jr	JC	Pittsburg, Texas
42	Frank Garcia, FB	5-10	243	So	Sq	N. Bay Village, Fla.
43	Cephus Johnson, DL	6-2	230	Fr	HS	Plm Bch Gdns, Fla.
44	Justin Eilers, LB	6-2	230	Sr	1L	Nampa, Idaho
45	Joe Woodley, FB	5-11	231	So	1L	W. Des Moines
49	Adam Benike, PK	5-10	210	Jr	JC	Rochester, Minn.
51	Andy Leaders, DL	6-3	255	Fr	RS	Omaha, Neb.
55	Jared Bucks, OL	6-3	276	Sr	1L	New Brighton, Mn.
55	Beau Coleman, DL	6-1	231	Jr	JC	San Diego, Calif.
56	Tiray Johnson, DL	5-11	259	Sr	Sq	Detroit
60	Brent Nelson, OL	6-3	270	Fr	RS	Cedar Rapids
65	Bob Montgomery, OL	6-3	310	So	1L	Lincoln, Neb.
67	Cory Hamney, OL	6-5	305	Sr	3L	Hiawatha
68	Zach Butler, OL	6-4	286	Jr	1L	Iowa City
69	Luke Vander Sanden, OL	6-2	285	Fr	RS	Inwood
71	Casey Shelton, OL	6-6	290	So	Sq	W. Des Moines
75	Marcel Howard, OL	6-6	320	Sr	3L	Davenport
76	Lorenzo White, OL	6-5	341	Sr	1L	Richmond, Texas
77	Brian Donahue, OL	6-5	267	Sr	1L	Chicago
79	Matt Bockes, DS	6-1	272	So	1L	Grundy Center
80	Lance Young, WR	6-2	173	So	Sq	St. Louis
82	Lane Danielsen, WR	6-0	197	So	1L	Dike
83	Jamaul Montgomery, WR	6-0	191	So	1L	Long Bch, Calif.
90	Dwayne Johnson, DL	6-1	317	Jr	JC	Milpitas, Calif.
91	Tim TeBrink, DE	6-3	260	Fr	RS	Alton
92	Jordan Carstens, DL	6-5	286	So	1L	Bagley
93	Kyle Knock, TE	6-2	260	Jr	2L	Cedar Rapids
94	Kevin Hines, DL	6-1	282	Jr	JC	Fresno, Calif.
95	Willie Judd, DL	6-3	282	Sr	1L	Bonita, Calif.
96	Paul Jarrett, DL	6-4	262	Fr	RS	Lincoln, Neb.
99	Kevin DeRonde, DE	6-5	251	Sr	3L	Pella

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Leadership Helped Tide Transition

by J.E. Lisby

Some were stars and others were role players, but seniors are special to football team

Seniors are special on a football team. By the time a player reaches his final year of eligibility, he has usually proved his worth. But when Alabama brought in Dennis Franchione and a new coaching staff prior to this season, the year turned into a challenge for those with just one year remaining. From former All-America players to never-used scout teamers, this year's Tide seniors had to prove themselves again as all Tiders started with a "clean slate."

When a program changes coaches, it is difficult for the players. There are new schemes and terminology and new everything else, down to the way a team warms up or huddles. And it's most difficult for those most established, the seniors. Problems can arise. But due in large part to the leadership exhibited by this group of seniors, that never happened.

Despite some admitted speed bumps along the way, Franchione has consistently praised this group of veterans for buying in to his plan, accepting it from Day One. Accustomed to a very different set of rules regarding weight-lifting, conditioning, and classroom attendance, the 2001 seniors threw themselves enthusiastically into the off-season program, accepting their new coach's challenge to begin the rebuilding process for Alabama football.

In many ways, Andrew Zow exemplifies the group. Serving as the Tide's starting quarterback for most of his previous three seasons, Zow already held Alabama records for pass attempts and completions. And the veteran quarterback began 2001 within easy striking distance of several other career marks. Then he lost the starting job in the fall, and it looked like Zow would finish his career on a down note. However, Zow didn't quit, cheer-leading during games and preparing himself every week as if he were the starter. When an injury sidelined Tyler Watts late in the year, Zow was ready. Bringing back memories of the 1999 SEC championship season, the strong-armed quarterback led the Tide to three straight

wins to close the season. As a result, Zow will finish his career holding the Alabama marks for career passing yards, total yards, and touchdown passes.

Growing up the son of a former Tide and Green Bay Packer standout, there was never any doubt where Terry Jones, Jr. would attend college. After a stellar prep career as a power forward in basketball, the 6-4 Jones knew that football provided his best opportunity for a sports career and signed to play tight end for Alabama. His first season was tough. Alabama needed immediate help at tight end. And despite being less than a year removed from major knee surgery, Jones was thrown into the fray as a starter. A powerful blocker with solid receiving skills, excellent physical talent and an equally strong work ethic (undoubtedly helped by the fact that his father is a strength and conditioning coach on the Tide staff) allowed Jones to put a stranglehold on the starting job throughout his four-year career.

Both Jones and Zow were voted permanent captains by their teammates.

As one of the more exciting athletes ever to wear Crimson, Freddie Milons won't be soon forgotten. After starting for most of his final three seasons, Milons ended his Alabama career with the single season and career mark for pass receptions and second to the legendary Ozzie Newsome for receiving yardage. Bama fans' strongest memories will likely date to 1999, when Milons was seemingly everywhere on offense. Whether by catching passes, returning kickoffs, slashing and twirling his way to punt return touchdowns or even taking the snap from center to turn the corner and score in the SEC championship game, Milons captured the nation's attention in helping lead the Tide to its 21st conference championship.

Possibly the most physically-gifted of all Bama's seniors, Jason McAddley has had a productive career at The Capstone. Tall, strong and having competed as a sprinter on the Tide track team, McAddley has all the tools. His best season statistically was as a junior, when he finished with 27 receptions

for 413 yards, averaging 15.3 yards per catch, but he'll likely be remembered for being wide open for a touchdown to close the first half in the 31-7 romp over Auburn.

If there was such a thing as Team MVP, Neal Thomas probably deserved the designation in 2000. During a season in which the entire squad seemed to be in a slump, Thomas was Bama's most consistent weapon, scoring 54 points, including three field goals longer than 50 yards and a perfect 27-of-27 on extra points. Thomas spent his first two seasons in junior college, but since joining the Tide roster he has developed into one of Alabama's most consistent place-kickers. For most of 2001, Thomas has been among the league leaders in field goals.

For several Tide seniors, 2001 was a test of character. It's easy to do what's right when things are going your way, but at some point during the season five former starters saw younger players take their jobs. To their credit, every veteran responded positively, and some regained their jobs.

Free safety Reggie Myles will be remembered as a gifted if sometimes inconsistent player. But after losing his starting job earlier in the season, he responded with three of the best games of his career as Alabama finished with victories in its final three games. Myles finished at Alabama with nine interceptions and ranks among the Tide's all-time leaders in interception return yardage.

Despite being the classic 'tweener (too small for defensive end and not really suited for linebacker), Aries Monroe is one of the top athletes on the squad. After signing with Alabama out of junior college, Monroe started 13 games. An effective pass rusher, he had six career sacks.

Two former starting linebackers finished their careers as valued back-ups. Victor Ellis started at middle linebacker his entire junior season, playing hard and ending up his team's second-leading tackler. This season, he began number one at strongside linebacker before giving way to a younger athlete. Ellis finished with 145 tackles.

Like Ellis, Darius Gilbert spent most of his senior season as a reserve linebacker, after being a starter as a junior and sophomore. In fact, Gilbert came in for special praise from his coaches, when injuries forced the staff to work him at both middle linebacker and defensive end, a move he willingly made to help the team.

After a junior college career, David Daniel turned down scholarship offers at other schools to walk-on at his hometown university. Alabama was thin at defensive tackle in 2000, and Daniel started in three games. As a senior, he has been an important member of the playing rotation, turning in his best effort in his final game at Bryant-Denny Stadium against Mississippi State.

Other seniors on scholarship who have performed valuable roles include Adam Cox, Jonathan Richey, Michael James, Shontua Ray and Shaun Williams.

An Academic All-SEC honoree, Cox has bounced from one position to another during his Bama career. In 2001 he backed up at rover, and his best season came as a junior when he had 51 tackles.

Described by his previous position coach as "good enough to play on scholarship" at a smaller school, Richey chose to play as a back-up at Alabama. Though little-used at quarterback, Richey was the holder on place-kicks for the Tide.

James is another Tuscaloosa native who chose to walk-on to earn a scholarship and playing time for Bama. He spent his first two college seasons at West Alabama before transferring to The Capstone.

Though he started the season-opener at strong safety, Ray will be best remembered as a special teams demon, flying down the field to make the tackle on kickoffs and punts. An all-state pick in high school, Ray has not let a knee injury prevent him from contributing as a backup in his final season of college football.

Starting out on defense before moving to offensive tackle, Williams saw some game action early in his career but has performed on the scout team this year.

Alabama has a long history of sending athletes on to the National Football League, and this year's group of seniors should be no exception. Blocking tight ends who can also catch the football are prized in pro football, and by most accounts Jones will be the first Tider chosen in the upcoming draft.

Though his college numbers are not impressive, McAddley's physical tools make it likely he'll be drafted, and Milons will also



Although Shaun Williams had some success in his Crimson Tide football career, he is one of those seniors who performed without star-status, doing his duty each day as a member of the scout team to help Alabama succeed.
Barry Fikes Photo

get a chance to play on Sundays, though his size has scouts questioning whether he'll be limited to returning kicks.

Late in the season, both Zow and Myles helped their chances of getting a look in some team's camp. However, both will need good performances in the combines to move into the draft. Along with Monroe, if Ray's knee returns to full strength then both are good enough athletes to get a shot as a free agent. Ellis will need to put up impressive numbers in the combines. And though Thomas is a very accurate kicker, his inability to consistently put the ball in the end zone on kickoffs will limit his professional prospects.

For the most part, scout team athletes go unnoticed, and non-scholarshipped players are particularly anonymous. But members of the "look team" are vital as they help the Tide prepare each week by simulating opposing offensive and defensive schemes. Dozens try out for the

squad every year, but few choose to stick it out for four or five years.

Of this season's senior walk-ons, only center Patrick Hollingsworth of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, actually got into a game.

Other senior walk-ons include tight end Jeremy Drummond of Picayune, Mississippi; defensive tackle Allen Hollie of Atlanta, Georgia; middle linebacker Carl McInnish of Brewton; flanker Stephen Moore of Double Springs; fullback Rob Saucier of Mobile; and defensive tackle Patrick Tate of Fort Payne.

Besides the athletes, the Tide team could not function without managers and trainers. Showing up hours before practice, working constantly on the practice field and remaining behind when players are long gone, these student volunteers perform the myriad tasks necessary to keep the program running smoothly. Senior Rusty Holley of Weaver has served as head manager this season and could return in 2002 as a graduate assistant. Senior trainers include Brandy Maples of Grant and Dana Moore of Muscle Shoals.

The University Makes Its Case

by Kirk McNair

It's now "wait and see" until mid-January verdict of Infractions Committee

If The University of Alabama proved nothing else in its response to the NCAA Committee on Infractions regarding the Official Letter of Inquiry into irregularities in the Crimson Tide football program, it is that the Crimson Tide defense team is thorough. The document released on December 6 was 755 pages long.

This response, which is organized along the same lines of the Official Letter, provides The University's position on each of the 16 allegations that remained after the NCAA withdrew charges against former Assistant Coaches Ronnie Cottrell and Ivy Williams. The University was required to respond to each allegation with a contention that the charge is not true, an agreement that the charge is true, or a belief that there is no conclusive evidence to make such a determination.

Prior to the release of the response there were reports that Alabama had made a "vigorous" defense and that there would be "shocking" news. It is difficult to characterize the defense as vigorous, in part because the document also included Alabama's self-imposed penalties, which appear to be extraordinarily harsh in view of the University's contention there was no proof of wrong-doing in the major charges. Alabama's legal team used one nonsense term, "beyond troubling," which is likely to be taken as an admission of guilt when there was no proof of guilt.

The most vigorous statement to the Infractions Committee from The University: "Deliberations by reasonably prudent people into serious matters require more than has been provided by the Enforcement Staff." It was also contended that testimony for the Enforcement Staff by former High School Assistant Coach Milton Kirk of Memphis was inconsistent and does not meet the standards set out in NCAA bylaws.

The University also pointed out that Bama has already been penalized. It said, "As a result of the enormous publicity attendant to these charges ...The University and its new football coaching staff have in effect already been subject to substantial recruiting penalties ever since these matters were made public."

"Unfortunately the first wave of what became a tsunami of publicity occurred during the most critical recruiting period for the

new coaching staff, and less than a month before the February 2001 signing date."

Alabama implied that the Enforcement Staff was either incompetent or duplicitous in cooperating with The University to prevent violations.

As in 1995, when Alabama suffered massive penalties at the hands of the Infractions Committee, The University once again elected to handle its defense primarily with in-house experts, including Faculty Chairman of Athletics Gene Marsh, a professor in the school of law; Marie Robbins, associate athletics director for compliance, who also has a law degree; and staff attorney Stan Murphy. As in 1995, Alabama also hired a former NCAA investigator, this time Rich Hilliard of the Indianapolis firm of Ice Miller. Additionally, a member of one of the most prestigious law firms in Alabama worked *pro bono* in The University's investigation and preparation, but wished to remain anonymous and did not take part in proceedings before the Infractions Committee on November 17. An unusual rule also prevented Marsh, a member of the Infractions Committee, from representing The University in person during the hearing, although he provided compelling written testimony to at least one charge.

Two former Alabama assistant coaches elected to hire outside attorneys. One, Ivy Williams, had the charge of unethical conduct, vacated before the hearing began. The other, Ronnie Cottrell, charged with numerous violations, finally consented to accept four secondary charges.

The shocking news may have been that former Auburn Coach Terry Bowden provided a lengthy report on Alabama's efforts to recruit Kenny Smith of Stevenson or that Steve Spurrier wrote a note to former Alabama Coach Mike DuBose suggesting Alabama was providing vehicles for players and threatening to turn Alabama in unless the Tide ended its recruitment of Justin Smiley. Alabama signed Smiley and there was no evidence of wrong-doing by Alabama in regards to that recruitment and DuBose was not mentioned in the charges against Alabama.

Somewhat shocking was University President Andrew Sorensen's vitriolic, almost vicious, attack on booster Logan Young. Although The University insisted there was no evidence Young had committed any violations in the highly-publicized recruitment of Albert Means, Young was obviously a sacrificial lamb as he was one of three boosters who was disassociated.

Although the response, is redacted to exclude identification, widespread publication has identified them as Young of Memphis, disassociated for five years, and Ray Keller of Stevenson and Kendell Smith of Chattanooga, seven years each.

Alabama's other self-imposed penalties include incredibly damaging scholarship reductions, a total of 15 over three years. A major fear for Bama has to be that the Infractions Committee will add to penalties in this area. What Alabama has proposed is that the Crimson Tide be able to sign no more than 17 players—eight under the allotted 25—in February, no more than 21 in February, 2003, and no more than 22 in 2004.

It is believed the Infractions Committee will render its verdict in January. Alabama has expressed hope the committee will accept the self-imposed penalties. It seems as if Alabama has made a huge gamble with such drastic self-imposed penalties, because if more are added the damage is likely to linger for years.

Also self-imposed, Alabama will reduce the number of official visits by football prospects by 22 this recruiting year, by 12 prior to the 2003 signing period, and by 10 prior to the 2004 signing period. Ordinarily a school is allowed 56 official visits per signing period.

Additionally, Alabama will have no more than six coaches off campus recruiting at any one time between December 1, 2001, and December 1, 2002. Ordinarily seven coaches are permitted off campus at any one time. This will be particularly penal in the spring evaluation period.

Briefly, here is a recap of each allegation and Alabama's response:

1.) That a booster (thought to be Kendell Smith) of The University paid a prospect (thought to be Kenny Smith of Stevenson) in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Alabama's response was that money probably was paid to the prospect and/or his family, but there is no evidence of the source and, in any event, the statute of limitations applies.

2.) Meals were provided by an Alabama booster (thought to be Ray Keller) for a prospect (thought to be Kenny Smith) and his father in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

The University agreed with this allegation.

3.) That a prospect (Albert Means) was "shopped" by his high school coaches (Head Coach Lynn Lang and Assistant Coach Milton Kirk) and that Logan Young offered \$115,000 to his high school coach and that Alabama Assistant Coach Ivy Williams was aware of this.

The University agreed that Means' coaches tried to benefit, but said there is insufficient evidence to conclude that payments took place or, if they did, what the source of those payments were. In an odd determination, The University maintained that its disassociation of Young was sufficient for charges for which there was insufficient evidence.

Albert Means signed with Alabama and

played during the 2000 season. The University alleges that it should not be punished for gaining a competitive advantage. The Enforcement Staff knew about these charges before the season started and did not inform The University.

The charge against Williams was withdrawn.

4.) An improper loan was made from Young to former Assistant Coach Ronnie Cottrell and Cottrell was guilty of unethical conduct because he failed to disclose the existence of the loan.

The University agreed it was accurate that the loan was improper (a position real lawyers find extraordinary since it was a legal transaction not unlike those conducted hundreds of times each day in America), but took no position on the unethical conduct charge against Cottrell.

5.) Cottrell knew of academic fraud by or for Michael Gaines regarding Gaines' ACT test score, and that Cottrell allowed Gaines to make several long distance telephone calls from Cottrell's office telephone.

(Gaines signed with Alabama, but was not admitted to The University.)

The charge that Cottrell knew of academic fraud was withdrawn. The University agreed telephone calls were made, but considers this a secondary violation.

6.) Lunch and dinner were provided to Lang, Kirk, and Means at Bryant-Denny Stadium on an unofficial visit. Also, lodging for two nights was provided to Lang during Means' official visit. Additionally, improper travel money was provided.

The first two charges were withdrawn. The University agreed to the third charge.

7.) Former Tide player Travis Carroll was provided a vehicle at no cost.

The University disagrees with the allegation and does not agree that the lease agreement constitutes a violation. Marsh was particularly effective in this charge since he has expert status in the area of automobile dealers who lease old cars. (The vehicle leased to Carroll was old, with high-mileage, and in poor condition.)

8.) Five "\$100 handshakes" were made with Alabama football players.

The University agrees that it could have happened, but contends that the evidence is contradictory.

9.) Boosters made improper contact with a prospect.

The University agreed.

10.) In 1998 and 1999, exotic dancers were at parties attended by athletes and prospects.

The University agreed.

11.) Ivy Williams was charged with unethical conduct because he allegedly lied when he denied the allegation that he participated in and denied knowledge of a deal to provide money to the coaches of Means.

The NCAA withdrew the allegation.

The following charges, allegations 12-16, were self-reported by The University and determined to be secondary in nature.

12.) An assistant football coach made im-

proper contact with a prospect.

13.) Harold James, who was certified as academically eligible, was later determined to be not academically qualified. He received athletics benefits while technically ineligible.

The University contends it is not appropriate to impose penalties based on competitive advantage because the NCAA did not disclose information to The University in a timely fashion.

14.) A student-athlete sold two complimentary football tickets.

15.) Cottrell attempted to help former Tide player Shamari Buchanan fix a speeding ticket and allowed Michael Gaines to sleep at Cottrell's house for several hours while Gaines was ill.

(Cottrell had earlier been suspended by The University for the Buchanan affair.)

16.) In the summer of 1999, seventeen student-athletes received financial aid beyond the value of a full grant-in-aid. This involved players being given meal money to eat off campus, then eating meals provided in a campus cafeteria.



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Baseball Outlook:

Tide May Have All Ingredients

by Peter Edmund

Skilled seniors joined by highly-ranked signing class

For most of the 2001 season, everything seemed to go wrong for the Alabama baseball team. So wrong that the Crimson Tide was left out of post-season play for the first time in Coach Jim Wells' seven-year tenure at Alabama.

Since the end of the season, the Crimson Tide has been doing the things needed to change Bama's "luck." Coaches and players are hoping the hard work will result in Alabama returning to the NCAA playoffs in 2002.

The diligence paid off on the recruiting trail. Alabama signed its largest class in history as 22 newcomers joined the Bama program last fall. This group of freshmen and junior college transfers rated as some of the best talent in the nation according to several baseball publications. *Baseball America* rated the Crimson Tide's class as the 12th best in the nation, while *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed the class as the 23rd. Wells and his staff have reached high levels after signing groups with less impressive credentials.

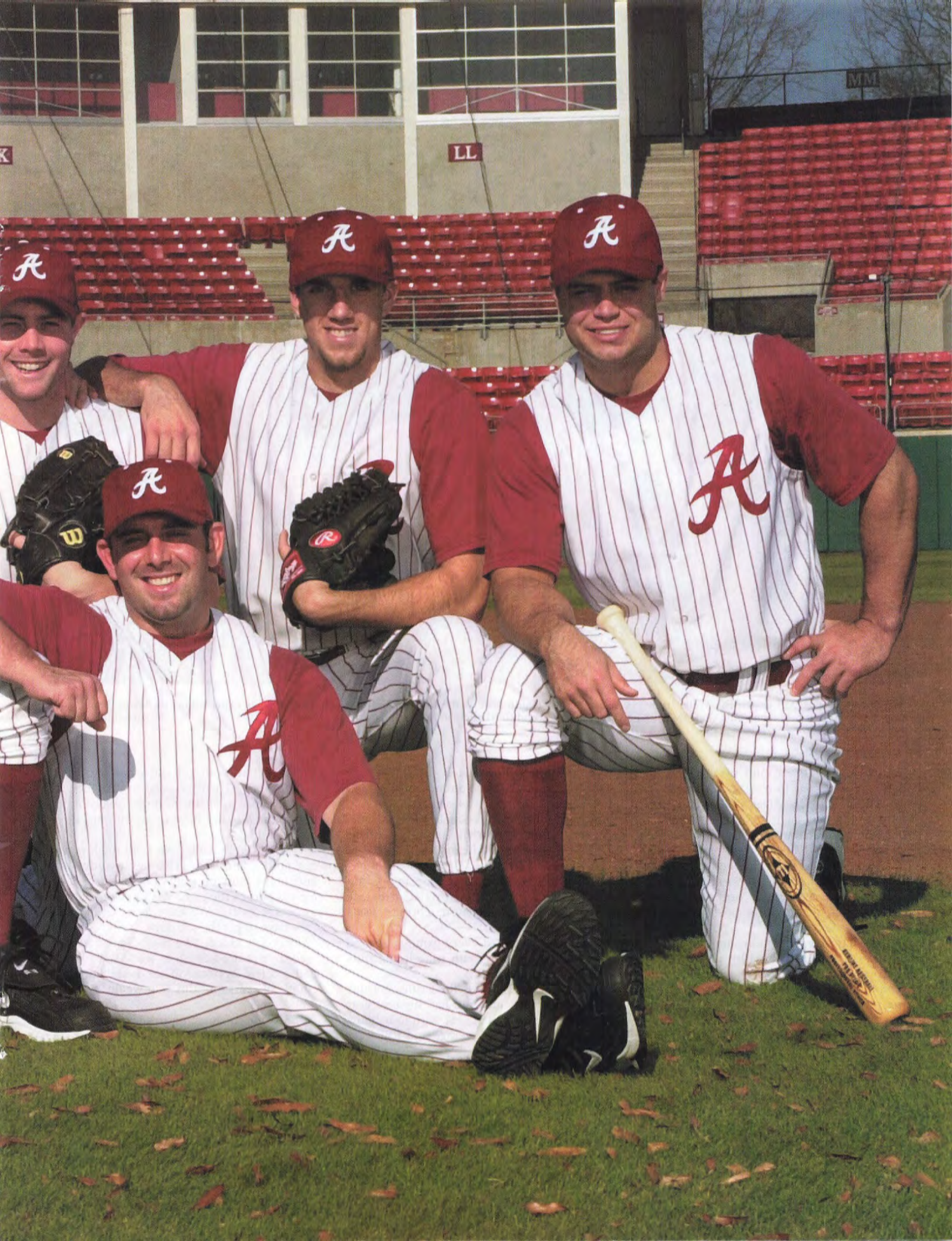
In addition to one of the nation's top recruiting classes, Alabama will have the services of four senior players, which is almost unheard of in college baseball today. These four seniors are proven stars who can provide winning numbers. Moreover, they will provide leadership and experience to their younger teammates.

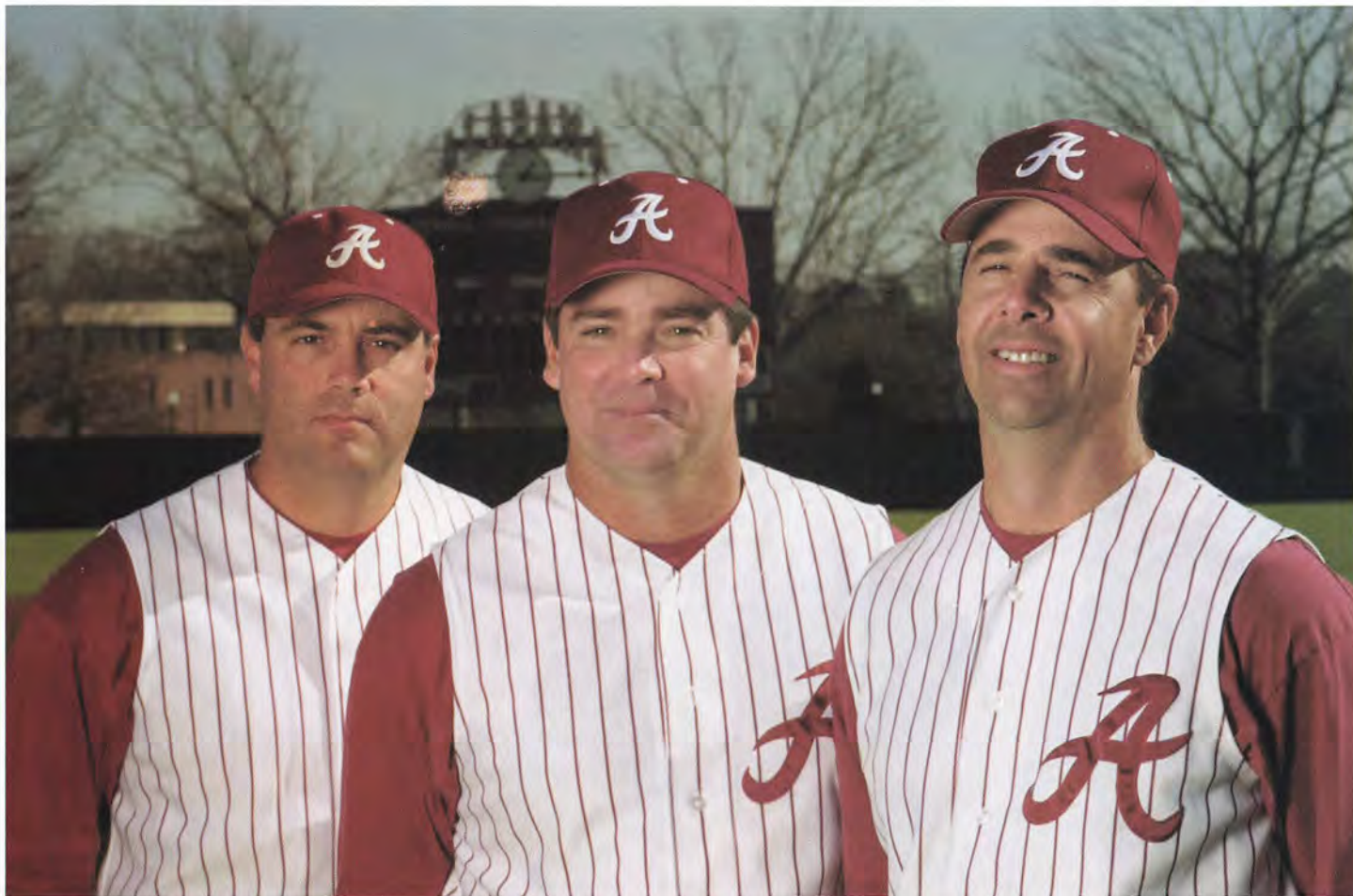
Those seniors—Brent Boyd, Jeremy Brown, Lance Cormier and Scott McClanahan—will be the backbone of Alabama in 2002.

The ace of last year's pitching staff, Lance Cormier, who had the best earned run average in the Southeastern Conference, was

Alabama baseball has an excellent nucleus of proven senior players, including (seated, center) Jeremy Brown and (kneeling, left to right) Scott McClanahan, Shane Sanders, Lance Cormier, and Brent Boyd.
Barry Fikes Photo







Alabama Head Baseball Coach Jim Wells (right) is beginning his eighth year at the helm of the Crimson Tide. He has expectations of having Bama back among the nation's best teams this year. He is assisted by Jim Gatewood (left) and Danny Watkins. Barry Fikes Photo

drafted in the 10th round by the Houston Astros, but elected to return to Alabama for his senior year. That gives Wells a legitimate number one SEC starter, something he was not sure he'd have when Cormier was drafted last June. In 17 games last year, Cormier posted a 9-5 record and league-leading 2.30 ERA. He added an SEC-best six complete games and two shutouts. Cormier also posted two saves, inching him closer to the all-time Alabama record.

Also returning is catcher Jeremy Brown, who was drafted in the 19th round by the Boston Red Sox but opted to return for his senior season. Brown led the team in batting last year and became only the second player in school history not to make an error during a season. Brown fielded perfectly 330 chances behind the plate and threw out more than 40 per cent of opposing base runners on steal attempts. Both marks led the league. And it was Brown's first year to catch after having been an all-star candidate at first base.

At the plate, Brown batted .363 with 10 home runs and 48 runs batted in. He missed the final four games of the 2001 season with

a thumb injury. Fortunately, he showed no signs of the injury this summer, hitting .389 with eight home runs and 30 RBI for Northern Ohio in the Great Lakes League. He was named to *Baseball America's* College Summer All-America Team for the second straight year.

Brown was tabbed first-team Pre-season All-America by the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association. Cormier was a third-team selection.

Brent Boyd started every game at second base and batted .336 with nine home runs and a team-high 49 RBI.

Scott McClanahan was the Crimson Tide's everyday centerfielder and had his best year at the plate. Mac batted .341 with four home runs and 35 RBI. His average and RBI were both career highs.

Wells said, "I hope our veterans can lend some experience to our younger players. We have so many new guys it will be on-the-job training for a while. I think that will make us a better club."

"Our seniors have to step up and lead by example. They are a good core of players. We need to get off to a good start and have some

success. The younger guys have to contribute, too. Then we need to start believing we can win again. Actions speak louder than words, so we have to go out and do it on the field."

Overall, Wells said, "We need to show we can hold a late lead, get a key two-out hit, and make routine plays on defense. The mental part of the game has to change for us to be successful. We have four seniors and they have to get the job done."

The coach added, "We have depth and that is nice. You need depth to win. We have not had a lot of options off the bench the last couple of years, but this year we do."

Filling those remaining spots on the field will be a little easier this time for the Alabama staff because of the number of players to choose from.

Two keys to Alabama's success will be junior shortstop Carlos Sosa and freshman infielder Spencer Pennington, who could be the opening day first baseman.

Sosa missed most of the fall with an achilles injury, while Pennington was running the scout team offense for Coach

Dennis Franchione's football team. Pennington will also split time between football and baseball this spring in his agreement to play both sports at Alabama.

"Sosa was not available this fall with an achilles problem," Wells said. "He is a middle of the lineup hitter and will play shortstop."

"Pennington did not play this fall, but we have seen him at first base and he can hit. Sosa and Pennington are two key guys we did not have this fall. Right now, they are half of our infield."

Junior Beau Hearod, who played third base, left field and served as the designated hitter last year, is the likely third baseman if Sosa can handle the duties at shortstop. Hearod could also see action in the outfield again this year.

"Hearod is swing guy right now," Wells added. "He can do a number of things to help. He is a better player than last year. We are counting on him this year."

The remaining candidates on the infield include freshman Zac Welch and junior Matthew Whitaker at first base and sophomore Adam Pavkovich at shortstop or third base.

True freshman Allen Rice has emerged a solid all-around player and could help the Crimson Tide at second base, third base and shortstop.

"Rice was a real nice surprise," Wells said. "He is a real good player, who can play multiple positions. He will help us a lot this year."

Junior college transfer Michael Clements is expected to back up Brown behind the plate. Clements, who caught last year at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas, was to enroll at Alabama in January.

In the outfield look for Stonard, Hearod and sophomore Chad White to battle for the everyday jobs in left field and right field.

Junior Grant Redding also returns after struggling with injuries last year.

Junior college transfer Travis Garner, who put up big offensive numbers in his career at Meridian (Mississippi) Community College, will also get a serious look at a corner outfield position.

Invited walk-on Matt Alling will also get a chance to play this year after an impressive fall camp. "Matt Alling was much better than we expected," Wells said. "He had a great fall camp and could have an opportunity to play."

True freshman Chad Abernathy is the likely backup to McClanahan in center.

The pitching staff could be a lot different than in years past. First of all there is more depth. Secondly, there are several legitimate SEC starters in the mix, including last year's ace, Cormier.

"Our pitching is better than it has been in six years," Wells said. "We had a lot of close scrimmage games in the fall, games that were 3-2, 2-1 and 4-3. It was real baseball."

"Right now we are looking at Cormier and (freshman Josh) Baker with the third spot up for grabs. There are a number of legitimate arms to work with."

Baker was a fourth-round selection by the Texas Rangers in the 2001 draft, but opted to come to Alabama instead of signing a pro contract. The Crimson Tide also benefitted when one of the nation's top left-handers, Taylor Tankersley, shunned the pros for a chance to pitch at Alabama. Tankersley, a freshman from Vicksburg, Mississippi, was a 39th round draft selection after spinning an

incredible 0.44 ERA last year at Warren Central High School.

Other candidates include senior Shane Sanders, junior Martin LaRocca, sophomore Jared Woodward, sophomore Landon Brazell, and freshman Eric Mennen.

The bullpen will also look different this year, with three guys capable of coming out of the pen in special situations.

Junior right-hander Brian Reed and Sanders will work as the set-up man or closer, while junior Gary Sullivan could see action as a situational reliever.

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Reloading With Talented Frosh

by Kirk McNair

Tide returns All-America players Shelley Laird, Jackie McClain, and Suzanne Olcott

Five years ago Pat Murphy came to Alabama as part of a new coaching staff for a new sport, and set about the business of building a women's softball program. To say that initial results were satisfactory is an understatement. For the past three seasons Bama has been in the NCAA Tournament, and two years ago the Crimson Tide reached the Women's College World Series, establishing Alabama as a national power.

This year could be called a rebuilding year since half the squad is new. However, almost everyone believes that Bama has reached the point where the Tide is reloading.

The fact that Murphy has three returning All-America players is a good start at keeping the Crimson Tide among the nation's elite. But a primary reason Bama is expected to be ranked among the nation's top teams when pre-season polls are released in mid-January is the addition of seven highly-regarded freshmen.

Murphy is beginning his fourth year as head coach at Bama, but he has been a part of the coaching staff since the program started in 1997 under Coach Kalum Haack. "When we started the program, it was with all new players," Murphy said. "But after that we have had pretty much veteran teams, just filling in a spot or two with freshmen each year. Now it's like we're starting a new program again with so many freshmen. In our fall work we brought back some of the old drills we haven't used in a while. It was fun, because the new players are like sponges, wanting to learn everything."

Murphy said that one goal of fall practice had been to get the new players "to think in a team concept." He said, "Everyone on this team was a star before she got here. Now we have to fit them into roles. When they were being recruited, everyone was telling them how good they were. Now that we've got them here, we have to explain to them they aren't as good as they think."

But, Murphy added, "We also told them not to go where they immediately would be the best player on the team or they wouldn't get any better."

Murphy has not had a great deal of difficulty in attracting good players. Of the 14 women on scholarship, 10 committed to

Bama without ever having visited the campus. "We have a reputation that our players are happy to be at Alabama," Murphy said. "And all of our players are from the South."

Additionally, The University has made a commitment to women's softball, including a softball stadium that ranks among the nation's best.

Murphy said women's softball at Alabama should continue to get better. "When we came here, there was almost no girls' fast pitch softball played in the state," he said. "Six years later, we have very good fast pitch softball in Alabama and it's getting better each year. The state of Alabama has the athletes and the high school coaches have done a great job."

Murphy has already seen one area of improvement in his team from fall drills. His players were all given strength tests early in the fall, then tested again after a few months of conditioning. Every player had shown "substantial" strength gains. As might be expected, the freshmen, most of them in a weight-training program for the first time, showed the greatest improvement.

Alabama isn't going to waste time finding out where the program is in relation to the very best. After 14 days of practice beginning in mid-January, the Crimson Tide will head to the desert, taking on defending national champion Arizona in three games beginning February 1 in Tucson. Five other 2001 NCAA Tournament teams are on the Bama schedule.

"I hope we didn't over-schedule considering we have so many new players," Murphy said. "But strength of schedule has so much to do with getting into the NCAA Tournament." The Pac-10 has been rated the nation's top softball conference and Bama will have at least six games against Pac-10 teams this year, including meeting perennial power UCLA in a tournament in Las Vegas.

Murphy became interested in softball through family reunions at his uncle's farm in Iowa. "My uncle had been a softball pitcher and he had two daughters who were players, so when we had family gatherings we played softball," he said.

When Murphy went to college at Northern Iowa, he worked in sports information and was in charge of softball publicity. After graduation, he coached high school baseball, then went to Louisiana-Lafayette to earn a master's degree. While there he worked in the media relations office, but also filled a graduate assistant vacancy as a coach on the softball team. That team went 44-8 and made it to the College World Series. When Haack was hired from Kansas to begin Alabama's softball program, he remembered the beatings his team had gotten from Louisiana-Lafayette and hired Murphy from that staff.

"When I came up here for my interview I was standing in line to check into the hotel and Joe Namath was right in front of me," Murphy said. "I knew then I was in a different world."

Bama has come a long way from its first few years, when home games were played at area municipal parks for three seasons before the current state-of-the-art facility was finished two years ago.

Kelly Kretschman, the All-America center fielder who earned a spot on the gold medal-winning United States Olympic Team last year, has finished her Crimson Tide eligibility, but is continuing with the team as a student coach while she completes her degree requirements. Murphy's full-time assistants are Alyson Habetz and Vann Stuedeman.

There's no question this will be a different type team than last year's squad that went 50-11 and hosted the NCAA Regional Tournament. "There's no Kelly Kretschman (.451 batting average and 13 home runs) and no Ginger Jones (.326 and 11 home runs)," Murphy said, referring to departed All-America sluggers. "I think the power will come, but to begin with we'll be more of a run-and-gun team."

Bama does have returning All-America position players in second baseman Suzanne Olcott (.335 batting average and only six errors in 190 chances) and first baseman Jackie McClain (who played right field last year with Jones at first base and batted .417 with seven home runs and a team-leading 59 runs batted in).

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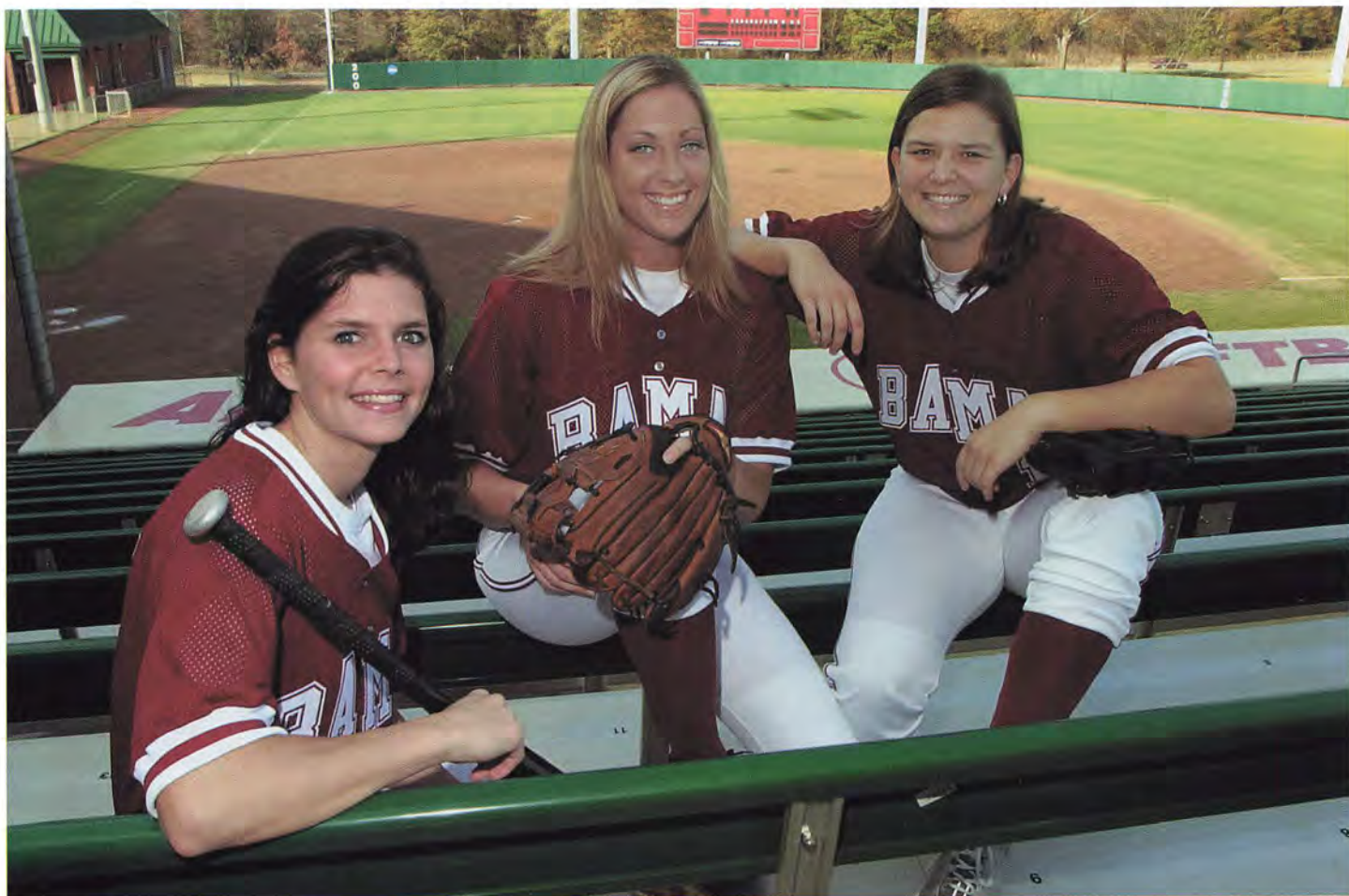
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Although Alabama softball will be counting on help from an outstanding recruiting class, the 2002 Crimson Tide has three returning All-America players who are expected to lead Bama. They are (left to right) second baseman Suzanne Olcott, pitcher Shelly Laird, and Jackie McClain, a right fielder last year who will move to first base this season.

Barry Fikes Photo

in the early going, is expected to be its pitching staff, and, particularly, returning All-America Shelley Laird. Laird was 32-7 last year with a 1.36 earned run average and 242 strikeouts in 265 innings.

Erin Wright, whom Murphy describes as "perhaps the best athlete on the team," did very well as a freshman pitcher last year, a 13-4 record and 2.18 ERA. And, said Murphy, she should be better this year after making the adjustment from the 40-foot distance from mound to plate used in high school to the 43-foot college distance.

A pitching addition this year is Jennifer Wright, like Laird and Erin Wright a right-handed pitcher.

Casey Cockrum was a pitching star in high school, but is expected to be used primarily as a designated hitter and back-up first baseman at Alabama.

The move of McClain from right field to first base will give the Tide more outfield speed, although a dropoff in power. Freshmen Ashley Courtney and Emily

Currie are expected to battle for the starting job in right field.

If Erin Wright isn't the Tide's best athlete, freshman Jackie Wilkins is. The 5-11 Miami native will replace Kretschman in center field and Murphy said she may have a better arm than Kretschman. Wilkins has both speed and power, the ability to drag bunt for a single or crush a home run. Murphy is quick to note that Wilkins isn't Kretschman yet. "Kelly had all the skills, plus the intangibles, the instinct to know when to take an extra base and where to throw and so on. And it may take Jackie a while to get used to college pitching."

Sophomore Angela Johnson is expected to take over in left field, where Melissa Bautista has graduated (and is now coaching softball at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa). Johnson started in left last year when Bautista was pitching. She'll be backed by another soph, Tiffany Johnson. Freshman Deasy Phillips is listed as an outfielder, but will probably be the designated hitter.

The Tide is set with perhaps the best catch-

er in the Southeastern Conference. Lacy Prejean did not have an error as a freshman last year. She needs to improve her .269 batting average, but Murphy noted, "She got better as a hitter. Her arm is so good she'll be on a national team if she hits." Courtney could catch, too.

Bama has a returning starter at shortstop. Jennifer Reach is back for her third year at shortstop, where she had only nine errors in 184 chances last year. She is not a strong hitter, only .197 last year.

Another freshman, Leah White, is ticketed to start at third base. "She isn't flashy, but she does everything right," Murphy said. Last year Lindsay Testa, a freshman, was the starting third baseman, but injuries forced her to retire from the game after last season.

An interesting addition to the team is utility player Capper Reed, a sophomore who walked on with Alabama's women's basketball team and earned a scholarship. She'll join Murphy's team after the end of the Tide's basketball season.



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More Top Players Join Tide Teams

by J.E. Lisby

November was very good to spring and winter squads

Although a number of new Alabama recruits in spring and winter sports were announced shortly after the week-long November early signing period, additional signees were revealed after scholarship papers were received by The University. A school may not announce its signees until the paperwork is completed.

It had previously been announced that Alabama had new signees in men's basketball, baseball, gymnastics, and women's tennis. Since the previous announcements, Alabama has added signees in women's basketball, volleyball, softball, men's track and field, and men's golf.

There will be another signing period beginning in April for spring and winter sports. Football has a signing period for December graduates from December 19 to January 15, but the primary football signing period begins February 6, popularly known as Signing Day since nearly 100 per cent of high school prospects sign the first day.

Women's Basketball Coach Rick Moody has added two new signees, one from high school and one from junior college. Bama added Kate Mastin from Boaz High School and Angela Prosperi of Lebanon, Ohio, from Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

The 5A State Player of the year last season, Mastin led Boaz to the state championship. The 5-9 guard/forward averaged more than 19 points per game as a junior and has been selected first-team all-state two times. "Kate is not only a very good player but also a solid person," Moody said. "She is definitely the type of student-athlete that we are seeking for our program. She comes from a very strong high school program with a winning tradition."

Prosperi is a 6-2 post player. She comes to the Tide following two solid seasons at Wabash Valley. In high school Prosperi was all-state and an honorable mention *Street & Smith* All-America. "Angela possesses good size and has nice playing skills," Moody said. "She plays in a strong junior college program that runs a similar style to the way we are playing."

"I believe that both of these players will make a significant contribution to the program," Moody said. "We are thrilled to have these two outstanding players joining our team for next season."



Kate Mastin



Daniel Creed

Volleyball coach Judy Green announced the signing of Kelley Potter, a 6-0 outside hitter from Edgewood, Kentucky.

Competing for Notre Dame Academy, Potter helped lead her high-school team to back-to-back Kentucky Final Four finishes. As a junior she played with current Tide standout Kenna Milner. That year Notre Dame Academy finished second, and Potter was named to the All-Tournament team.

Her club experience includes a third-place finish at the Junior Olympic Nationals.

"Kelley is an elite level athlete who will bring quality volleyball experience to our team," Green said. "She is one of the Top 50 outside hitter prospects in the country. She has all the qualities that we are seeking in a student-athlete including a strong work ethic, competitiveness and a desire and determination. She fits in well with our returning players."

The men's track and field team of Coach Harvey Glance announced the signing of three athletes for the 2002 season and an early signing for the fall semester of 2002. Roland Burks, Brandon Otts and LaTonel Williams, all transfers, have signed with the Tide to compete in the 2002 season.

Competing for Clemson his first year of college competition, Burks was listed a pre-season Top Freshman by trackwire.com. He will have three years of eligibility left and is expected to add immediate depth to the Tide sprints. On the prep level, Burks was on both the All-Michigan and All-Midwest teams, while also competing at the USATF and AAU National meets. Burks was also a Junior Olympic qualifier.

A native of Mobile, Otts transfers to The Capstone from South Alabama. He'll compete in the decathlon, holding a career best in the event of 6,803 points. Williams comes to Alabama by way of Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College. He was a Junior College All-America in the 60-meter sprint, and Williams will also run the 100-meter,

200-meter and 4x400-meter relay for the Tide. Alabama also signed Jeff Billings, a transfer from Shasta Community College in California where he was a team MVP and conference champion. Billings will enroll at Alabama in the fall of 2002.

Softball Coach Patrick Murphy has had some power hitters in the past and has added some big bats for the future with his early signees. He also added a power pitcher.

One of the premier high-school pitchers in America, Stephanie VanBrakle pitched against the United States Olympic Team, striking out four and allowing no earned runs in three innings of work. From Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, VanBrakle is a two-time member of the Pennsylvania High School Softball Supreme Team. "Stephanie is the best player on the East coast," Murphy said.

A power-hitting third baseman from Houston, Texas, Staci Ramsey was a three-time MVP for her high school team and also the 2001 Offensive Player of the Year. Murphy is excited about her power potential and believes Ramsey can play several positions.

After scouting players all over the country, Murphy proclaimed Dominique Accetturo the "best power hitter" he saw all summer. Out of Hollywood, Florida, Accetturo led her prep team to the 1999 state championship. She was also a member of the 1999 Junior Olympic softball team and is expected to be used as a utility infielder in college.

Men's Golf Coach Dick Spybey said that new facilities would be a key in recruiting, and The University now has top-rated courses and practice areas. As a result, top players are joining the program.

"I really loved the courses and practice facilities," said Sean Szerencsits, one of the top prep golfers in the Northeast. "I felt my game would have no choice but to improve with practicing and the playing I'd be doing on those courses." From Whitehall, Pennsylvania, Szerencsits has qualified for the state prep championships every year, while also leading his team to two conference and one district championships. His best finishes individually include a second and first, at state and district competitions respectively.

A three-time all-state honoree, Florence's Daniel Creed has been his team's MVP the past three years and led Brooks High School of Killen to the state title. Creed also credits Alabama's new facilities with his decision. "The new golf facilities and the overall athletic program are superior to any I have seen," Creed said. "I plan to contribute to the winning tradition at Alabama as well as get a quality education."

Tide Has Nearly Finished Its Work

by James Edwards

Bama has most of its 17 scholarships committed

Now it is known that Alabama intends to have no more than 17 new signees in the upcoming football class. However, that doesn't mean that Alabama won't have more than 17 players committed prior to the February 6 signing date. There is little doubt that Dennis Franchione and his staff will make absolutely sure there is no academic attrition in the small class of 2002. If Alabama takes more than 17 commitments (Franchione probably will not sign anyone he does not expect to be eligible), it is possible that some will be headed for junior college, some will be paying their own expenses for a while, and/or some will delay entry into Bama until January, 2003.

Just as it has been revealed that The University has self-imposed a penalty of having no more than 17 new signees, it is obvious the work is about done for this recruiting class. Even if some of those already committed are not academically eligible, with 14 top players having said they will join the Tide family the Alabama staff has nearly finished with its recruiting work for this year. (Although Alabama did not use all its allotment of 25 scholarships for new players last winter, the Tide did use all those scholarships in rewarding previous walk-ons, and so there are none who can be signed to count against the 2001 limit.)

It is possible, even likely, that Alabama will use the remaining January contact period to begin the recruiting process with those who have just completed their junior football seasons, preparing for the 2003 signing class.

There is no one correct recruiting class. As



Kyle Tatum

in past years at Alabama, the upcoming group of signees will include many of the best prospects from within the state, some from surrounding states, possibly some from outside the traditional Southern recruiting base, and some from junior college.

Franchione recognizes that Alabama is a national name in recruiting and the nation's top 225 prospects were contacted by the Crimson Tide. "A lot of them weren't interested," Franchione said. "But my wife wouldn't have married me if I hadn't asked, and we won't get the top prospects if we don't ask."

Those who had committed to Alabama as of mid-December are:

Quarterback Brandon Avalos of Tuscaloosa Hillcrest, defensive lineman Chris Browder of Camden Wilcox-Central, tailback Kenneth Darby of Huntsville Butler, offensive lineman Grant Dickey of Tyler, Texas, wide receiver Zach Fletcher of Moulton and San Francisco Community College, linebacker Juwan Garth of Decatur Austin, defensive lineman Chris Harris of Tuscaloosa Central, defensive line-

man DeMarcus Johnson of Tallahassee, Florida, and Southwest Mississippi Junior College, defensive back Chauncey Malone of Trinity West Morgan, tailback Nick Luke of Phenix City Central, linebacker Derrick Pope of Galveston, Texas, and Garden City, Kansas, Community College, defensive back Ramzee Robinson of Huntsville Butler, defensive back David Scott of Homestead, Florida, and Jones Junior College in Mississippi, and defensive lineman Kyle Tatum of Prattville.

Although we have been previewing the likely prospects for the February 6 signing day (December graduates may sign between December 19 and January 15), including both Alabama prep stars and out-of-state standouts, as the fall season came to an end, there were changes from the pre-season recruiting lists.

Among the new names are:

Jonathan Bonner, a 6-1, 215-pound linebacker from Huffman in Birmingham. He has been timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash. He was credited with 160 tackles, 21 sacks, seven caused fumbles, and one pass interception in eight games as a senior. Alabama, Auburn and Mississippi State are among the schools looking at him.

Baraka Atkins is a 6-5, 245, 4.7 defensive end from Booker High School in Sarasota, Florida. He had 75 tackles, 15 sacks, and 45 pressures through nine games. Teams involved are Miami, Ohio State, Florida, LSU, Alabama, Auburn, and Michigan State.

Mike Williams is a 6-5, 210, 4.5 wide receiver from Plant High School in Tampa, Florida. He has been reported as having reneged on an earlier private commitment to Florida. As a senior he had 32 receptions for 750 yards and nine touchdowns. He is listing his top five as Florida, South Carolina, Purdue, Virginia, and Alabama.

Matt Spaeth is a 6-7, 245, 4.8 tight end from St. Michaels High School in Albertville, Minnesota. His father played at

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Nebraska and he is considering the Cornhuskers along with Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Alabama.

Anthony Johnson is a 6-3, 220, 4.6 quarterback from Byrnes High School in Duncan, South Carolina. A drop-back passer, he led his team to the finals of the state championship. He passed for 2,700 yards and 32 touchdowns and rushed for 600 yards. He is scheduled to visit Alabama January 18. Other schools involved include Georgia and Tennessee.

Although Franchione is like most college coaches in preferring to get good high school graduates who can play for four years rather than junior college graduates who have only two or three years remaining, there are times when a need dictates the quick fix provided by a proven junior college transfer. Bama already has a few commitments from junior college stars and here are some others linked to the Tide:

Aaron Austin is a 6-5, 250, 4.75 tight end from Fresno City College in California. He had 18 receptions for 281 yards and six touchdowns through his first six games. His team made it to the state playoffs. He lists his

favorite schools as Washington, Alabama, Tennessee, Oregon and Oregon State.

Ryan Boschetti is a 6-4, 285, 4.7 defensive tackle from College of San Mateo in California. He is originally from Carmont High School in Belmont, California. He went to junior college to improve his stock as a prospect. He has a 3.5 grade point average and was offered scholarships after his freshman year, in which he made all-district. He was all-state this year. All Pac-10 schools are involved with him, as are Alabama, Tennessee, and Oklahoma, among others.

Ken Bourens is a 6-3, 255, 4.7 linebacker from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, Mississippi. He was the third-leading tackler in Mississippi junior colleges. He is considering Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Southern Miss, Alabama, South Carolina, and TCU.

Odell Bradley is a 5-11, 180, 4.5 cornerback from Copiah-Lincoln. He led Mississippi junior college defenders with nine interceptions last season. He is considering all the Mississippi schools and Alabama.

Jamaal Broussard is a 6-0, 180, 4.36 wide receiver from College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, California. He caught 27 pass-

es for 577 yards and 5 touchdowns. He hails from Kingswood High School in Texas, where he had 35 receptions for 718 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior. He signed with Texas Tech out of high school and caught 20 passes with three touchdowns as a freshman, but he was not happy. Due to that, he transferred to College of the Canyons. He is a May graduate with three years left to play two years. He has a 3.7 GPA and is considering Alabama, BYU, Tennessee, Mississippi State, and UNLV.

Ahmad Childress is a 6-7, 310, 4.85 defensive tackle from Garden City Community College in Kansas. He prepped at Whites Creek High School in Nashville, Tennessee. He had 55 tackles, five sacks, nine quarterback hurries, and two fumble recoveries last season. He sat out his freshman year to concentrate on academics. That decision will leave him with three years of eligibility. He is considering Alabama, South Carolina, Houston, Iowa State, Arkansas, Michigan State, Tennessee, and Ole Miss.

Durrell Robinson is a 6-3, 215, 4.4 wide receiver from Northwest Community College in Senatobia, Mississippi. Hailing from Byrnes High School in Duncan, South Carolina, he exited high school as one of the nation's highest-rated receivers. He signed at Georgia after a very productive prep career. He had 48 receptions for 838 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior, while his senior year exploded with 73 receptions for 1386 yards and 28 touchdowns. He played as a freshman at Georgia and had 10 receptions for 135 yards and one touchdown in 10 games. He then was declared ineligible academically and transferred to Northwest Community College. In his only season there he grabbed 47 passes for 851 yards and 10 touchdowns. He led the state in all three categories. He is getting interest from Auburn, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee and Clemson. The Dogs are not as strong now.

Other junior college prospects who have been mentioned as possibilities are linebacker James McGill (6-3, 215, 4.6) of Bakersfield, California; defensive tackle Willie Page (6-5, 290, 4.8) of Jones in Ellisville, Mississippi; strong safety Corey Peoples (6-2, 207, 4.55) of Georgia Military in Milledgeville; running back Tyson Thompson (6-2, 210, 4.5) of Garden City in Kansas; and a trio from Copiah-Lincoln in Wesson, Mississippi—cornerback Aaron Pitts (6-1, 175, 4.5), safety Sydney Wiley (6-1, 175, 4.5), and strong safety Marcus Wynn (6-2, 205, 4.5).

From time-to-time Alabama has been involved with prospects from prep schools, but

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in the past the players had been placed in the prep school by Alabama, such as Santonio Beard.

This year there is a prep school prospect who was not placed by any school, and he made an official visit to Alabama in December. Although he is thought to be leaning to his home state university, Georgia, and is considering Auburn, Alabama is looking at Preston Pannell, a 6-6, 230-pound tight end/defensive end from Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. He is originally from Crisp County High School in Cordele, Georgia, and has a 3.7 grade point average and 1040 SAT score. At Hargrave he was the third-leading tackler and led his team in sacks. He will enter col-

lege in January and will have four years of eligibility. His brother, William, played at North Carolina State. He will decide between Alabama, Georgia, Auburn and Wake Forest.

As an update, here is a status report on some of the top prospects in Alabama who have not yet announced their intentions:

Running back Jason Allen of Muscle Shoals is thought to be leaning to Georgia over Alabama, LSU and Tennessee.

Wide receiver Benjamin Obomanu of Selma is still undecided between Alabama, Florida and Auburn.

Defensive tackle Jeremy Clark of Daphne probably favors Alabama over LSU.

Defensive end Ben Grubbs of Elmore County probably favors Auburn over Alabama.

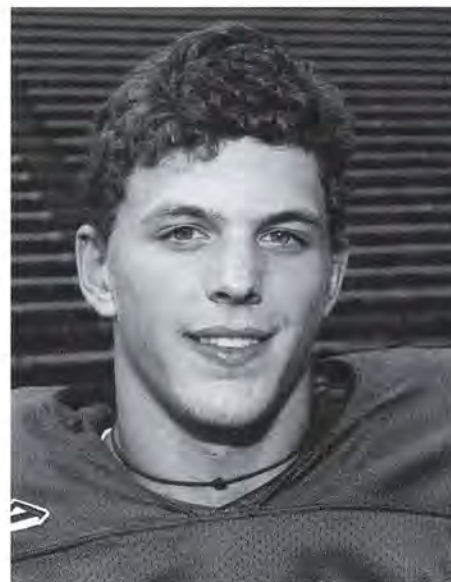
Defensive tackle Henry Smith of Aliceville is thought to favor Alabama over Auburn and Mississippi State, but may start off in junior college.

Running back Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa County is also thought to be leaning to Bama over Auburn and is another possible junior college signee.

Linebacker Earnest Nance of Courtland says he is still interested in Alabama, Arkansas, Nebraska and Tennessee.

Wide receiver Grant Brigham of Birmingham Mountain Brook is still considering a long list of suitors including Alabama, Auburn, Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech.

Wide receiver Montavis Pitts of Loachapoka had been thought to have reneged on his commitment to Virginia Tech in



Grant Brigham

favor of Auburn, but now Virginia Tech is thought to be back in the lead.

Linebacker Demeco Ryans of Bessemer Jess Lanier is thought to be favoring Bama over Auburn and Mississippi State.

Defensive tackle Tommy Jackson of Opelika is leaning to Auburn over LSU, Southern Miss and Alabama.

Quarterback Brandon Cox of Hewitt-Trussville, Mr. Football in Alabama this year, was not offered by Alabama and will sign with Auburn or Florida.

Alabama's NCAA situation is thought to be particularly troubling for Allen and Obomanu and Bama may lose one or both before the verdict is received on Alabama's final penalties.

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Alabama Statistically

Alabama finished pretty much in the middle of the pack among Southeastern Conference football teams in 2001 as the Crimson Tide had a 4-4 conference record. Not surprisingly, the Tide was pretty much in the middle in most SEC statistical categories, too.

Final football statistics are in since bowl game numbers do not count. Statistics in all other NCAA sports are official through the completion of tournament play, but since Division 1A football does not have a playoff, bowls are considered "extra events" and are not included.

The brightest spot for Bama statistically was rushing, where the Tide was first in the league and 10th nationally at 226.4 yards per game. Rushing defense was also a strong point as Alabama allowed 115.1 yards per game, fourth in the SEC and 16th in the nation.

Alabama was sixth in the SEC and 52nd nationally in scoring at 27.6 points per game and fifth in the league and 24th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 19.9 points per game.

Alabama's 183 yards per game passing was 10th in the SEC and 84th in the nation, while Bama giving up 252.2 yards per game passing was eighth in the conference and 95th nationally.

Total offense for Alabama was 409.4 yards per game, fourth in the SEC and 39th in the nation, while the Tide allowed 361.1 yards per game, fifth in the league and 48th nationally.

Alabama's poorest ranking statistically was in punt returns. Alabama averaged only 6.2 yards per return, which was 11th in the conference and 106th in the nation.

In other statistics, Bama was third in the SEC and 33rd in the nation in turnover margin with plus four; third in the league and 41st nationally in kickoff returns, averaging 21.5 yards per return; eighth in the conference and 42nd in the nation in net punting, 36.3 yards; and 11th in the SEC and 106 nationally in punt returns, 6.2 yards per return.

Ahmaad Galloway was third in the SEC and 53rd in the nation in rushing, averaging 80.1 yards per game. Tyler Watts was sixth in the league and 31st in the nation in passing efficiency. Watts was seventh in the SEC and 49th in the nation in total offense, 209.9 yards per game. Freddie Milons averaged 23.4 yards per kickoff return, fifth in the SEC and 44th nationally. Lane Bearden averaged 39.6 yards per punt, which was 12th in the SEC and 67th in the nation. Neal Thomas tied for fourth in the SEC and 49th in the nation in scoring at 7.1 points per game and was tied for third in the conference and 18th in the country in field goals with 1.36 per game.

All-SEC

Six Alabama football players were named to the 2001 All-Southeastern Conference

teams selected by the Associated Press and by the SEC coaches.

The Coaches All-SEC team includes four Crimson Tide players, while the AP squad had three from Bama. Junior middle linebacker Saleem Rasheed (6-3, 223, Birmingham) was the only Alabama player named to both teams.

Rasheed was a first-team selection by the league's head coaches (coaches could not vote for their own players) after leading Alabama with 115 tackles this season, the sixth highest single-season total in school history. Rasheed also added one tackle for loss, one sack, and five pass deflections.

Three Alabama players were named to the coaches' second team. They are senior tight end Terry Jones, Jr. (6-4, 267, Tuscaloosa), junior defensive tackle Kenny King (6-7, 277, Daphne), and junior defensive end Kindal Moorehead (6-4, 288, Memphis).

Jones appeared in all 11 games for the Crimson Tide and caught 12 passes for 156 yards and a career high two touchdowns. He was also one of the league's outstanding blockers. King started all 11 games for the Crimson Tide at nose tackle and contributed 47 tackles, including one tackle for loss and one and a half sacks. He added 10 quarterback pressures, three fumbles recovered, one interception (eight-yard return) and one pass deflection. Moorehead started 10 games for Alabama, missing the LSU game due to injury. He had 41 tackles, including five tackles for loss and five and a half sacks. His stops behind the line accounted for 71 yards. He had two sacks and three total stops behind the line in Alabama's 31-10 win over Arkansas. In addition, he had a team-high 12 quarterback pressures, two pass deflections and one interception.

Junior defensive tackle Jarret Johnson (6-4, 281, Chiefland, Florida) and junior center Alonzo Ephraim (6-4, 288, Birmingham) were named first-team All-SEC by the AP. Johnson was Alabama's sixth leading tackler with 54 stops. He led the Tide and was third in the SEC with nine sacks (for 72 yards). He also paced the team with five tackles for loss (for 22 yards), giving him 14 total stops behind the line for scrimmage for minus 94 yards.

Johnson had 20 tackles and five sacks in his last two games of the season, against Auburn and Southern Miss. Johnson's best game at Alabama came against Southern Miss, where he had a career high 11 tackles and three sacks (28 yards). He also added one tackle for loss and caused a fumble that set up the Crimson Tide's first touchdown.

Ephraim started all 11 games at center for the Crimson Tide and played virtually every snap this season. With three redshirt freshmen starting on the offensive line, Ephraim was the elder statesman of a group that paved the way for Alabama to lead the SEC with 226.4 rushing yards per game.

Rasheed was a Second-Team All-SEC selection by the Associated Press, while King was an honorable mention pick.

Freshmen All-SEC

Alabama redshirt freshmen Wesley Britt and Justin Smiley were named Freshman All-SEC by both the SEC coaches and by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. Both started all 11 regular season games for Bama.

Britt (6-8, 304, Cullman) started at quickside tackle and played 631 total snaps. Britt finished the season with 94 knockdown blocks, including a season-high 17 at South Carolina.

Smiley (6-3, 295, Ellabell, Georgia) started at quickside guard and played 701 snaps, the second-most on the offensive line. Smiley had a team-high 126 knockdown blocks, including a season high 18 at South Carolina.

Academic All-SEC

The Alabama football team placed 17 student-athletes in the 2001 SEC Academic Honor Roll. Players selected with their major and grade point average are:

Cliff Carter, Management (3.39); Adam Cox, Fitness Management (3.12); Corey Ferguson, Finance (3.3); Ahmaad Galloway, English (3.15); Tyler Harris, Management (3.0); Patrick Hollingsworth, Engineering (3.84); Jason Jones, Financial Planning (3.66); Kenny King, Management (3.36); Marc Miller, Biology (3.8); Steven Moore, Physical Education (3.13); Jonathan Richey, Management Information Systems (3.15); Saleem Rasheed, Management (3.22); Rob Saucier, Psychology (3.15); Josh Smith, Engineering (3.63); Lance Taylor, Management (3.1); Tyler Watts, Marketing (3.02); and Andrew Zow, Sports Management (3.03).

Farmer Changes Career

Former Alabama basketball player Jim Farmer has had an interesting career, and now he hopes the hits just keep on coming.

Farmer, along with current Bama Coach Mark Gottfried and 14-year NBA veteran Derrick McKey, led Alabama to some of its greatest moments on the court. Alabama went to the NCAA tournament all four years Farmer was on the team (1984-87). Alabama won both the Southeastern Conference regular and tournament championships in 1987. Farmer's play in Alabama's three NCAA tournament games that senior year—he averaged 24 points a game in the post-season—helped propel him into first round draft status that year when the Dallas Mavericks selected him as the 20th pick of the first round in the draft. His NBA career found him playing for the Mavericks, Jazz, Supersonics, Timberwolves, 76ers, Bucks and Nuggets.

He moved to Los Angeles following his NBA career and played for Magic Johnson's All-Stars, a touring team, for three years. Working also as a model at that time, Farmer has appeared on several magazine covers.

A couple of years ago Farmer moved to Nashville to pursue a career in music. He

appeared in videos for Coolio and country singer Chalee Tennison, but now the Dothan native is going out on his own. He has released his first CD of country music. He performed as special guest at halftime of Alabama's basketball game against Utah to sing two of the songs from his CD.

Gottfried had joked that he might miss halftime in the locker room with his team in order to hear the performance of his former college roommate. Gottfried said, "He has improved a great deal from singing in the showers at Bryant Hall. I kid him about this but I believe in him. I'm proud of him and I think that this will be the start of Nashville's next big hit."

Farmer got his first taste of life on stage recently. He is a friend of Mark Miller, who is the lead singer for the group Sawyer Brown. Farmer often travels with the band on the road. When Sawyer Brown appeared in concert in Farmer's hometown of Dothan in November, Miller and the band called him on stage to join with them singing their number one hit, "Some Girls Do."

Farmer's first single release from the album is "She Is." Farmer's album, on RIM Records, is produced by Adam Mitchell who has worked with Linda Ronstadt, KISS, and Manhattan Transfer.

SEC Cross Country Honors

Alabama's 2001 men's cross country team had great success, and the SEC recognized that by selecting Tiders for their top honors. Joe Walker was named Coach of the Year (along with John McDonnell of Arkansas), while junior All-America David Kimani was named Athlete of the Year in men's cross country.

"It's an unbelievable honor to be associated with anybody the caliber of John McDonnell," said Walker. "He's the SEC Coach of all-time." The award was the first such for Walker, who is in his second season as the Alabama cross country coach.

Kimani defended his 2000 SEC and NCAA Regional championships en route to his being named Athlete of the Year.

"I think David has established himself as the top athlete in the SEC as far as distance runners go," said Walker. "He made it through the season with some difficulties and was only one race away from having a perfect season." The award is the second straight for the junior from Kenya.

Swim Rankings

The Alabama swimming and diving teams both moved up a spot in the latest College Swim Coaches Association of America's poll. The Tide men's team moved up to number 17 while the women moved up to 18th.

Don Wagner's squad has had excellent results as the season got underway before the Christmas break. The Tide took three athletes to the 2001 World Cup in New York. Super sophomore Anne Poleska downed 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist Amanda Beard on the way to the 2001 World Cup 200-meter breaststroke championship. Poleska outraced Beard and the rest of the elite field by a second and a half. She posted a 2:22.90 while Beard clocked in at 2:24.56. No one else was within four seconds of Poleska, the 2001 SEC Freshman of the Year.

Her time in the 200 breaststroke set a German and European record.

On the men's side Tide freshman Stefan Gherghel raced to a second place finish in the 200 butterfly and a third place finish in the 100 butterfly at the World Cup. Gherghel has turned in the fastest collegiate butterfly times in the nation this year.

Gherghel returned from the World Cup to lead the Tide men to a second place finish at the Georgia Invitational. He walked away with both the 100- and 200-meter butterfly events. Gherghel was joined in the winners circle by freshman Franck Southon, who won the 400 individual medley; sophomore James Willcox, who notched a win in the 200 freestyle; and sophomore Jordie Proffitt, the 200 individual medley champ.

Poleska, along with sophomore diver Lane Bassham, led Alabama's women to a fifth place finish at the Georgia Invitational. Poleska won both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events, while Bassham dominated the diving events, winning both the one- and three-meter competitions by a combined 40 points.

National Selections

Alabama volleyball players Erin Price, Erin Heffner, and Kenna Milner were invited to participate in the USA National Team Training Program in San Diego, California this year.

The Crimson Tide trio was to join top collegiate players from around the country in an attempt to make one of several squads being put together for international competitions this spring and summer. The tryout was in conjunction with the NCAA's Volleyball Final Four.

Price and Heffner were selected as outside hitters while Milner, a setter and defensive specialist for the Tide, would play the libero position which is a defensive position used in international play.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for all three of our players to play along side and compete against some of the top players in the country," said Coach Judy Green. "Any time we can get our players more playing experience especially at a national level, it only benefits our program. It gives our program more visibility in the volleyball world. I look for all three of them to play very competitively."

"This is a real privilege to be invited to tryout for the USA volleyball teams," added Heffner. "It will be a good experience for me to play against players of All-America status and see what it takes to get to the next level."

Heffner, a freshman from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is coming off a very successful debut season for the Tide in which she garnered second-team All-SEC honors along with AVCA South Region Freshman of the Year recognition. Price, a native of Alpharetta, Georgia, just finished her second solid season for Alabama as the opposite hitter. Milner, a freshman from Crittenden, Kentucky, saw most of her playing time this season as Bama's top defensive specialist.

Price said, "Just getting to tryout with some of the best college players in the country is amazing. If any of us can make a team, it will not only help our individual play but

it will also improve the whole Alabama volleyball program."

Milner added, "I am honored to be invited to participate in such an elite level of play. As a freshman, I never imagined that I would get such an awesome opportunity and experience. I know that as a player this will benefit me for seasons to come, so naturally I'm very excited."

The 2001 Alabama volleyball team finished the year at 22-9 and tied for second in the SEC Western Division at 10-5. It was the second consecutive season that Bama had amassed over 20 victories.

Volleyball Honors

Following another stellar season for the Alabama volleyball team, the postseason honors continue to roll in for the Tide as Erin Heffner and Shelly Adamcik garnered national recognition for their play on and off the court.

Heffner was selected the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Freshman of the Year for the South Region while Adamcik earned Verizon Academic All-America (third team) honors.

A second-team All-SEC selection for the Tide in her rookie season, Heffner finished the year as the team's leader in digs and ranked second in kills. She becomes the first Alabama player to earn the prestigious honor.

"I am honored to be selected as the Freshman of the Year out of a group with so many talented freshmen players," said Heffner. "My play was benefited by the level of talent that I was surrounded by at Alabama. My teammates helped me adjust to playing at the college level. I am very excited to have received this great honor."

A junior from Southlake, Texas, Adamcik becomes just the second Tide student-athlete to make one of the Academic All-America squads. She led the team in blocks on the court and maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average in Criminal Justice off the court. Adamcik is a three-time Academic All-SEC honoree and has twice been selected to the Verizon Academic All-District team.

Honor For Donahue

The story is told that late one night former Alabama Head Football Coach Paul Bryant was outside Coleman Coliseum with a colleague, who asked about the lamp shining from one of the offices of the assistant coaches. "Oh," Bryant reportedly said, "that's just Ken Donahue trying to make me a legend."

Donahue, who died of a heart attack last year, was a legend in his own right, selected several times as the Southeastern Conference Assistant Coach of the Year. Donahue was a longtime defensive specialist at Alabama, including serving as defensive coordinator for most of his career under Bryant from 1964 through 1982. He was a member of the staff on teams that won five national championships, 14 SEC titles, and went to 26 bowl games.

On February 1, Donahue, who was a native of Tennessee and played for the legendary Coach Robert Neyland at Tennessee, will be posthumously inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

2001-2002 Alabama Winter Sports Schedules

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	CST
UA Score	Opp. Score	
103	Athletes In Action (Exh.)	77
92	EA Sports (Exh.)	71
	Guardians Classic	
107	Mississippi Valley St	67
83	Samford	51
68	Missouri	75
81	Memphis	70
76	Utah (ESPN2)	61
90	McNeese State	61
74	Chattanooga (Fox)	68
	John Wooden Classic @ Anaheim, Calif.	
57	UCLA @ (Fox)	79
99	Jacksonville State	57
	Jimmy V Classic @ Meadowlands, N.J.	
Dec. 18	Temple (ESPN)	6:00
Dec. 21	Alabama A&M	7:00
	Sugar Bowl Classic @ New Orleans	
Dec. 27	Notre Dame (Fox)	7:00
Dec. 31	Florida A&M	1:00
Jan. 2	Bethune-Cookman	7:00
Jan. 5	LSU (Fox)	6:00
Jan. 9	Vanderbilt	7:00
Jan. 12	@ Auburn (Fox)	1:00
Jan. 16	@ Georgia (J-P)	7:00
Jan. 19	Mississippi State	6:00
Jan. 26	@ Kentucky (ESPN)	7:00
Jan. 30	Arkansas	7:00
Feb. 2	@ LSU	7:00
Feb. 6	Ole Miss (J-P)	7:00
Feb. 9	@ Mississippi State	2:00
Feb. 13	@ South Carolina	7:00
Feb. 16	Tennessee (J-P)	2:00
Feb. 20	@ Arkansas (J-P)	7:00
Feb. 23	Florida (CBS)	1:00
Feb. 27	Auburn	7:00
Mar. 3	@ Ole Miss (CBS)	1:00
Mar. 7-10	SEC Tournament @ Atlanta	

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	CST
UA Score	Opp. Score	
84	Univ. of Virgin Islands (Exh.)	77
101	Sports International (Exh.)	109
96	Samford	44
101	Troy State	58
	Pepperdine Thanksgiving Classic @ Malibu, Calif.	
90	Louisville	89
79	Pepperdine	81
73	@ Birmingham-Southern	38
75	@ Providence	78
84	@ Alabama State	89
63	South Alabama	61
Dec. 18	@ Jacksonville State	7:00
	@ Cancun, Mexico Basketball Tournament	
Dec. 21	SMU	7:30
Dec. 22	Eastern Michigan or Maryland Villanova Tournament	TBA
Dec. 29	Massachusetts	Noon
Dec. 30	Villanova or Rider	2:00
Jan. 6	Kentucky	2:00
Jan. 10	@ Arkansas	7:00
Jan. 13	@ Florida	2:00
Jan. 17	Vanderbilt	7:00
Jan. 20	@ Tennessee	2:00
Jan. 24	Auburn	7:00
Jan. 27	@ Kentucky	1:00
Feb. 3	Arkansas (Fox)	2:00
Be. 7	Mississippi State	7:00
Feb. 10	@ Auburn	2:00
Feb. 14	@ South Carolina	6:00
Feb. 17	Ole Miss	2:00
Feb. 21	@ Georgia	6:00
Feb. 24	LSU	2:00
Feb. 28-	SEC Tournament @ Nashville	TBA
Mar. 3	Gaylord Entertainment Center	

Gymnastics

Date	Opponent	Time (CST)
Jan. 11	Super Six Challenge @ Gainesville, Florida (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Penn State, UCLA)	6:00
Jan. 18	Georgia	7:00
Jan. 26	Denver	7:00
Feb. 2	Nebraska	7:00
Feb. 8	@ LSU	7:00
Feb. 10	Auburn @ Birmingham	2:00
Feb. 15	@ Georgia	6:30
Feb. 22	Florida	7:00
March 1	@ Auburn	7:00
March 8	@ Kentucky	TBA
March 16	UCLA	7:00
March 23	SEC Championships @ Birmingham	7:00
April 6	NCAA Region IV (Site TBA)	TBA
April 18-	NCAA Championships @ Coleman Coliseum	TBA
April 20		

Men's Indoor Track

Date	Event
Jan. 18	SEC Challenge @ Fayetteville
Jan. 25-26	Rocky Mountain Cup @ Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 1-2	Meyo Invitational @ South Bend, Ind.
Feb. 10	@ Florida Invitational
Feb. 10	@ Iowa State Invitational
Feb. 22-24	SEC Championships @ Fayetteville
March 1-2	LSU Last Ditch @ Baton Rouge
March 8-10	NCAA Championships @ Fayetteville

Men's Swimming

Date/	Opponent	Time (CT)/
UA Score	Opp. Score	
Oct. 26-27	SEC West @ Fayetteville	All Day
156	LSU	142
85	@ Auburn	174
Nov. 27-	World Cup	All Day
Nov. 28	@ Long Island, N.Y.	
Nov. 30-	Georgia Invitational	2nd of 8
Dec. 1		
Jan. 4	Georgia	1:00
Jan. 12	Georgia Tech	12:00
Jan. 25	@ Florida State	2:00
Jan. 26	@ Florida	1:00
Feb. 2	@ South Carolina	2:00
Feb. 20-23	SEC Championships @ Fayetteville	All Day
Mar. 9	Last Chance @ Auburn	TBA
Mar. 19-	USS National Championships	
Mar. 23	@ TBA	All Day
Mar. 28-	NCAA Championships	
Mar. 30	@ Athens, Ga.	All Day

Women's Swimming

Date/	Opponent	Time (CT)/
UA Score	Opp. Score	
Oct. 26-27	SEC West @ Fayetteville	All Day
157	LSU	142
90	@ Auburn	173
Nov. 27-	World Cup	All Day
Nov. 28	@ Long Island, N.Y.	
Nov. 30-	Georgia Invitational	5th of 10
Dec. 1		
Jan. 4	Georgia	1:00
Jan. 12	Georgia Tech	12:00
Jan. 25	@ Florida State	2:00
Jan. 26	@ Florida	1:00
Feb. 2	@ South Carolina	2:00
Feb. 20-23	SEC Championships @ Fayetteville	All Day
Mar. 2	Last Chance @ Auburn	TBA
Mar. 19-	USS National Championships	
Mar. 23	@ TBA	All Day
Mar. 21-	NCAA Championships	
Mar. 23	@ Austin, Texas	All Day

Women's Indoor Track

Date	Event
Jan. 19	SEC Quad @ Fayetteville
Jan. 226	Minnesota Invitational @ Minneapolis
Feb. 2	Rod McCravy Invitational @ Lexington
Feb. 10	@ Florida Invitational
Feb. 10	@ Iowa State Invitational
Feb. 22-24	SEC Championships @ Fayetteville
March 1-2	USATF - TBA
March 1-2	Iowa State Last Chance @ Ames, Iowa
March 8-10	NCAA Championships @ Fayetteville

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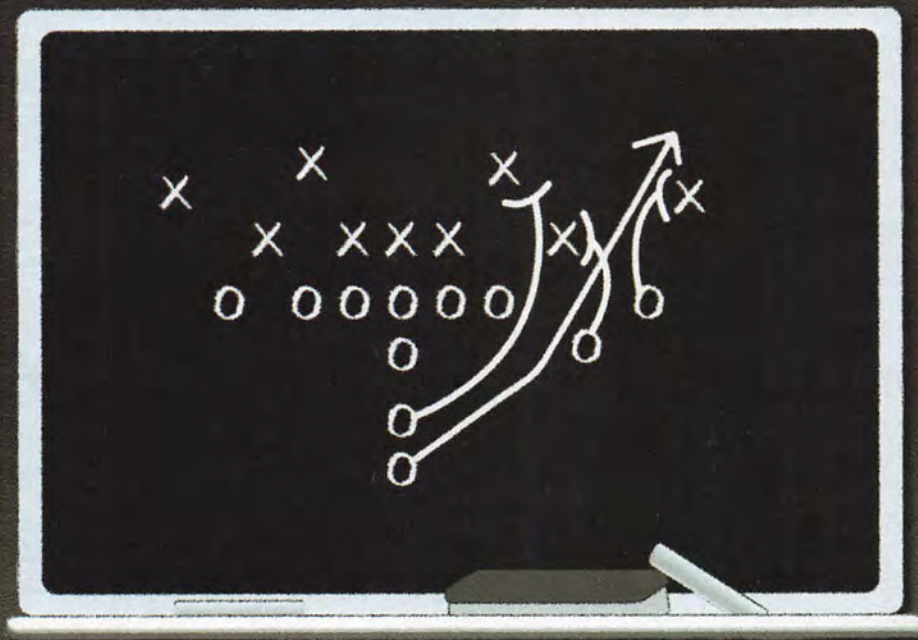
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